

Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society Newsletter

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February 18, 2013
President's Birthday

MARES MEETING ROOM
1722 East 19th St-Fremont NE
11 February 2013 7 p.m.

PROGRAM
ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY
WASHINGTON D.C.
Lila Launer Presenter

BROWSE NITE
25 February 2013 7 p.m.

Our monthly January meeting was well received. It was a DVD regarding the Human Family Tree, starting at least 50,000 years ago in the country of Africa. To those who have been in attendance, when Renee talked of the DNA and how it includes many countries and involves markers, this was also discussed in this program, only using actual persons all over the world and how everyone has a relationship with the first child born in Africa.

We have another interesting program for the month of February, to be presented by Lila Launer on the Arlington National Cemetery, assisted by Claire.

IN SYMPATHY

Janice Davis died on January 4, 2013 in Fremont. She was one of our first members and kept her flow of information to Claire since 1972. A private family funeral was held.

Ila Jean Laaker member of our society, reported that her husband Duane Laaker passed away on January 15, 2013. He was placed in the A. J. Merrick Manor just a very short time ago. We extend our sympathy to Ila.

YMCA BANQUET

Fremont Herald 9 Feb 1917 8:2

One of the largest "Father and Son" banquets ever served in the state, under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A., was the magnet attracting upwards of 220 fathers and sons last Friday evening, at Masonic Hall. Mr Sidner acted as toastmaster, at the conclusion of the repast, and addresses were made by Walter Judd, of Lincoln; Paul McKee, state secretary of the association, and Mr Rutherford, of the State university. Music was provided by a male quartette. After the formal program was concluded the older men listened to a discussion of boy problems, while the younger attendants at the banquet, adjourned to the rooms of the Commercial club for a short social session.

CITIZENSHIP LIST

Fremont Herald 9 February 1917 8:2

Among the people of Dodge county who have asked within the week the privilege of making their first declaration for citizenship in the United States are: Jens Christian Wiese, of Fremont; Herman Kurt Raschig, of Ames; Fred Kremeier, of Fremont; and Wiebler Katherine Loehding, of Dodge. Mr Kremeier has had relatives in the European war, one uncle being killed and another a prisoner in Russia, and so he has reached the conclusion that the United States is the proper place for him to tie to, under the circumstances.

Claire has been back in the old papers, once again!! She finds so many interesting articles and this time she is going to print Pre-Emption Notices and Homestead Notices starting with this issue. They will be on the back side of the monthly newsletter.

The Story of the naming of the old Lincoln Postoffice by name of Ames will be in the Spring Issue of Roots & Leaves. What started to be just the long article written by Clarence Reckmeyer has blossomed into a larger item, with the aid of Renee Bunck. It will make a nice item to keep with your genealogy.

The Fremont Tribune printed the story of the Great Blizzard of 1888 and how it covered so many states, with an anniversary 2013-125 years. They went out to the cemetery where the two Westphalen children were buried, having been frozen to death, trying to reach home, and placed a photo of their marker in the Tribune.

It is located at St John's Lutheran Church in Ridgeley township.

Noted in the Fremont Tribune 27 January 1870 3:3

It tells of another great blizzard

Last Sunday night, a week ago, an Indian boy about fourteen years of age, belonging to the Omaha tribe, got lost on the bottom between Rawhide and the Bluffs, north of town; he was in search of the camp of his people, but the storm was so fierce that he could not find any place for shelter and was frozen to death. His pony and dog remained with him all night. The body was not found until the following Friday morning.

**GREAT SUFFERING
A WAR PARTY OF PAWNEES BADLY FROZEN.
HORSES PERISH IN THE STORM**

FT 14 September 1869

From Mr James Bowman, formerly interpreter of the Pawnee nation, we learn the following particulars of the suffering of a war party of Pawnees.

A party of Kit-ka-hahs, a band of Pawnees, numbering about twenty braves, under charge of Leichigett (meaning the man who is not afraid to lead his party) made a raid on their enemies the Sioux, in the vicinity of Medicine Lake, some time since, and succeeded in capturing about forty head of horses—with their plunder they started for the villages of their tribe located on the South side of Platte river nearly opposite Lone Tree Station. The party had almost reached its destination when overtaken by the fearful storm of Sunday 16th inst, the storm came on while they were still in camp, but believing they would be able to reach their villages, a start was made. On they traveled, in spite of cold and snow, sometimes walking to keep warm, jumping about, etc., but all to no purpose, the cold was too much for either man or beast, and the horses began to give out as well as the men. Finding it useless to attempt further progress, the horses were turned loose to die and the men betook themselves to a snow bank, where, with true Indian courage and stoicism they awaited a death by freezing which seemed inevitable. One man of the party however, appeared able to stand more exposure than the others and he made heroic efforts to save himself, and pushed his way in the face of the storm to the village, which he reached during Sunday night.

Next morning a party from the village started out in search of their comrades and on reaching the snow bank where they had lain down to die, the party of nineteen were found with hands, arms, feet and faces frozen and in some instances frozen up to the knees. Prompt efforts were made and the sufferers carried to the village, where all are now lying in a precarious condition.

The horses, after being turned loose, followed the storm and in this manner many of them got as far south as the Blue river, although but about fifteen have been recovered up to this time, many being found frozen on the line of march.

From a party of chiefs who came down Tuesday last. Mr Bowman learned that this tribe has been very successful the past season in hunting and farming, and the tribe has not been so well supplied with furs, meat and corn for many years – in fact, as the Indians themselves express it, they are rich, and will need no bounties from government to support them the present year.

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**HOMESTEAD NOTICE  
U. S. LAND OFFICE**

West Point, Neb., August 21, 1869

Complaint having been entered at this Office by Olaf H Sellberg, against John Olson, for abandoning his Homestead Entry No. 2214, dated May 14, 1868, upon the north half of the southeast quarter Section 22, Township 20 north, Range 8 east, in Dodge county, Nebraska, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this Office on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1869, at 9 o'clock a.m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

E. K. VALENTINE, Register.  
URIAH BRUNER, Receiver.

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**HOMESTEAD NOTICE  
U. S. LAND OFFICE**

West Point, Neb., October ?, 1869

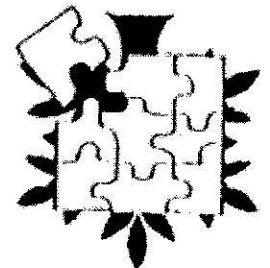
Complaint having been entered at this Office by David Coward against Everett Hanks, for abandoning his Homestead Entry No. 3130, dated March 21, 1869, upon the north half of northwest quarter of Section 28, Township 19 north, Range 8 east, in Dodge county, Nebraska, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this Office on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1869, at 9 o'clock A.M., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

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