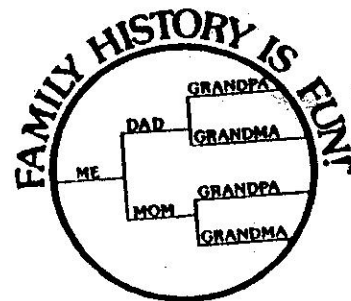


Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society Newsletter

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12 January 2015
ENGS Meeting Room

PRETTY HOME WEDDING

PROGRAM
Completion of Cemetery Info
From November meeting

BROWSE NIGHT
26 January 2015

A quiet but pretty home wedding took place yesterday at 10:20 a.m. when Miss Alma M., youngest daughter of Mr & Mrs John G. Osterloh was married to John A. Schroeder, oldest son of Mr and Mrs George Schroeder, living north of Scribner, at the home of the bride's parents seven miles north of our city. Rev. August Ollendorf conducted the marriage service. Only relatives numbering about twenty were privileged to witness the ceremony.

This has been a struggle for Claire and Renee to line up a January meeting, but we hope you will enjoy it and catch some new ideas on finding your ancestry.

We do have some handouts you might read and pick up new ideas for your own research.

Everyone who attended the November meeting were given demonstrations on how to use the wires to find unmarked graves and also how to use them, they even picked up the cats gender, from Claire's "Miss Boots".

A very interesting letter was received from Margie Sobotka and her daughter, Sue Wardell, on the burials of the Jewish servicemen overseas. It warrants a reading of the information in this letter as many were buried overseas during the wars. We are printing the two nets, if you are seeking Jewish soldiers etc.

On file in our information not published, you will find the letter they sent and the information and seeking the jewish links. The list information is too long to place in our regular newsletter.

"Jewish Sound" article: <http://jewishsound.org/finding-heroes-bellevue-veteran-compiles-database-of-jewish-military-yahrzeits/> and another link: <http://1drv.ms/1dtXk5r>

In this database, it shows a few from Omaha, Lincoln and another from David City.

Miss Elsie Rinderhagen played the wedding march as the bridal party took their places in the front parlor where the marriage lines were read.

After congratulations and best wishes a sumptuous breakfast was served.

Miss Bertha Schroeder, sister of the groom was bridesmaid and Emil Osterloh, brother of the bride, was best man.

The bride's gown was of white satin and she carried bride's roses. The bridesmaid wore a pretty dress of cream wool. The gentlemen wore navy blue suits.

The bride was born and raised in our vicinity. The groom is a successful young farmer of our neighborhood. Both are held in high esteem by a host of friends.

Mr and Mrs Schroeder left on the afternoon train for Oklahoma where they will visit relatives at different points for about three weeks.

After March 1st they will be at home to their friends on a farm belonging to the groom three miles north of our city.

The Sentinel joins their friends in extending congratulations.

Located in Hooper Sentinel 28 January 1915.

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EARLY REMINISCENCES
Hooper, Nebr., Jan. 4, 1915

The Sentinel:

As I stated in my last article, the eastern outskirts of Hooper in 1878, were Looschen, Easley, Airis, and Steen. On the opposite side of the street was the house I occupied, Schwab and Hecker. The elevator had been but recently built and was run by Ed Airis, John W Robbins was the clerk.

The western limit was Mr. Himebaugh, W. A. G. Cobb lived where Mr. Harms now lives.

Mr. Angler on the corner north, Mr Heimrich still north and Mr. M. W. Tilson further north where Mrs Tison still lives. Dr. Van Buren bought the property north the following spring. West of these houses was low, wet ground. Beyond this slough was a higher bench where a few families afterward settled and it was called Sloughtown. On the east side between Looschen and his store was low ground also which I bought for \$25 a lot and filled up with dirt from the bluff and sold them for sufficient advance to pay for the labor put on them. This was the beginning of Hooper's elevation. The ground where Harm's hardware store now stands was once as high as any business house in that side of the street, Main street has been elevated several feet. Mr Harm's father dumped loads and loads of dirt in that lot, now occupied by Mr Edelman west of Mrs Himebaugh's. And so all along that street cubic yards of dirt have been deposited. The street east of the hotel will no doubt soon be opened and made the easiest grade to the south of any of the streets. Dirt is constantly in demand and the street can be opened without any expense to the city.

The Methodists had a small class organized in Hooper and a minister from Arlington by the name of Bear held services here every two weeks on the Sabbath that I went to Admah. During the winter we unitedly held revival meetings in the old school house, each of us preaching alternately. The attendance was good and considerable of interest was manifested. Rev. Schofield, the Presbyterian minister of Fremont preached a few times.

Many objected to climbing the hill so we rented a store room in the spring which stood on the corner of Cobb's residence and preached there. I took over my organ and my wife played for us. We organized a Sabbath school with R. N. Conklin as superintendent and Miss Carrie Smith as assistant. On the 20th of April 1879, Rev George L Little, Synodical Superintendent visited us and organized a Presbyterian church of eleven members, and ordained Martin R Beebe as ruling elder.

Joel Warner.

The newspaper for the first article was so bad, we could not make out any of the article.

Continuation of The other Story
Hooper, Nebr., Jan. 18, 1915

The Sentinel:

After the organization of the Presbyterian Church in Hooper in 1879, we took steps toward the erection of a church building. At a full congregational meeting in the month of August of that year M. R. Beebe, O. A. Himebaugh and A. Y. Sutton were elected trustees. Joel Warner was elected clerk. On the following day we met and selected Lot 6 in Block 12 as a suitable site for the erection of a church. Mr Wisner, who had promised to give a lot to the first church who would build made us a deed of the property. A Subscription paper was started and Mr. O. A. Himebaugh was first to subscribe \$100. Mr Airis told me to see Albert Sutton and he would give us as much as he. Both subscribed \$100. Mr. Heimrich offered to put up a brick structure at \$12 per thousand and give \$100, which was accepted. These four men afterward increased their subscription about one third. Mr Airis furnished the lumber. M. W. Tilson and T Canaga did the carpenter work, and contributed \$16. C. F. Easley furnished the hardware and contributed \$25. Jerry Denslow also gave \$25. Those giving \$15 were M. R. Beebe, Henry Steen, Henry H. Looschen, A. H. Harms, Sievers & Kuhlman and John Phelps. Those giving \$10 were postmaster A. D. Hardwood, M. S. Warner, Dr. E. Van Buren, Joseph Caldwell and G. W. Wolcott. Then follows a long list of those who gave \$6,,, 5,4, 3, and 2. To publish their names might be of interest only to the older readers of the Sentinel.

In less than a year after the organization of the church the building was dedicated by a sermon by Rev. George L. Little and prayer by Rev. W. J. Young of Tekamah on March 7, 1880, at a cost of \$1800. The Presbyterian Board of Church Erection gave \$600, and the community gave \$1200.

Fremont gave \$60.00. After this John Thedens oiled and varnished the interior of the church which brought the expense of the structure to nearly \$2,000.

During my pastorate I received 55 into the church. In the mean time several moved away and others deceased. When I moved to St. Edward several of my best paying families moved away and no effort was made to secure another minister and the church was finally disbanded.

Joel Warner.

The old newspapers certainly give us an idea of how the groups of churches or even businesses were established and some left the area for better chances of growth. If you have anything that is known of the early days and desire to make a copy for us for use in our newsletter, do so. Finding information for the newsletter is difficult and some of the old papers are so bad in copywork that we cannot read them.

Claire Mares & Renee Bunck