

# Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society Newsletter

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This newsletter will be different than the ones that are written for the regular meeting months.

First of all, Fremont NE was hit with a tornado on the evening of 20<sup>th</sup> of June. Unfortunately some of the tornado went down 19<sup>th</sup> street where Claire Mares resides and when it was past she couldn't believe the damage. Fortunately, her home was not damaged (except it will require a new roof) but she lost 3 enormous trees, 2 in the backyard and 1 in the front. It has all been cleaned up, with the exception of two trees were cut down and the stumps have to be cleared out. One tree was pulled out including the roots. The house is fine and so are the books for the ENGS. All it means is that she will be in a slower time in answering some of the requests for help, but she is going to continue and let the gent who is managing the outdoor operations take over. With all of this happening outside, Claire was watching the College World Series games, noticed the muddy rain water going by her bay window, then realized something outside was causing great problems, so she watched it go by! Enuf said, it took her a few days to settle her nerves down, but now she is ready to start working on several requests.

We had a most interesting meeting in June. Dr Earl Underwood had pass outs on how to get information in Germany, and how to contact persons or churches for information, including societies etc. Had a very good attendance for this last session before the summer, also some good information to work with during the summer months.

Claire wishes to "Thank" Earl for his taking on such a large request, but it paid off. THANKS TO YOU EARL, even I may try to find some information via the computer. Claire does not care to delve in research per the computer.

There is a correction on one of our new members, this is the correct information:

In April we reported new members: this is corrected to Read:

Kathy Brestel G-20  
2808 Rolling Hills Dr, Norfolk NE 68701

#### NOW OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Becky Hamilton G-25  
5416 N 129<sup>th</sup> St, Omaha NE 68164

Brent English G-26  
6901 Rabbit Creek Rd, Anchorage AK 99516  
Brent spent a couple of weeks doing research

Margie Sobotka, in Seattle WA sent the following information to us for our newsletter.

#### THE AMERICAN PENMAN – Aug 1918

##### The Civil War Was Fought by Boys

Do you think that the soldiers now in France and in our training camps are very young—too young for the fierce work of war? Yet they are not as young as those who made up the armies of the Union and the Confederacy in the Civil War.

The Civil War was surely a "boys fight." The records show that there were twenty-five Union soldiers 10 years of age and under, thirty eight 11 years and under, 225 were 12 years and under, 300 were 13 years, 1523 were 14 years and under, and 104,987 were 15 years and under. The records of the ages of the Confederate soldiers are not available, but it is well known that there were thousands of them under the age of 14 years.

Of the age of 16 there were 231,051 boys enlisted in the Union armies. At the age of 12 nearly a million boys joined the army.

The records show that 1,151,438 Civil War Union soldiers were not older than 18 years. Of the age of 21 there were about 1,150,000. The decrease is rapid for ages over 21 years. At the age of 22 years 618,511 Union men enlisted. Only 46,626 were 25 years old at enlistment, and but 16,071 were 44 years or older.

#### WHAT IS BRAVERY?

"True bravery is shown by performing, without witnesses what one might be capable of doing before all the world.

By Rochefoucauld.

#### The Surrender of Lee to Grant at Appomattox Courthouse





**DODGE COUNTY NEBRASKA MARRIAGES  
100 Years Ago from Book 13 ( JULY 1911)**

Elbridge Holland to Mrs Kathryn Memmen on 01 Jul  
Ehrhardt A Claus to Ida J Rogers on 02 Jul  
Dennie Ridner to Martha J Waddell on 06 Jul  
Edward J Lafferty to Mrs Millie Sigler on 07 Jul  
Rudolph L Schumacher to Florence E Tinkham on 16 Jul  
Paul J Smith to Ilda M Mitchell on 18 Jul 1911  
Arthur P Herminghaus to Myrtle A Condon on 18 Jul  
Robert D Cresap to Maude M Axtell on 19 Jul  
Herman J Freschauf to Florence J Smith on 24 Jul  
Harry J Stoll to Lillian Egbert on 24 Jul  
John E Graf to Eleanor C King on 27 Jul  
Albert Gard to Dorothy Marker on 29 July

Sorry, but no write-ups on the marriages, Most of the couples were from out-of-town and or were married by the County Judge.

**WEDS THIRD COUPLE SINCE NEW RULES  
WENT INTO EFFECT**

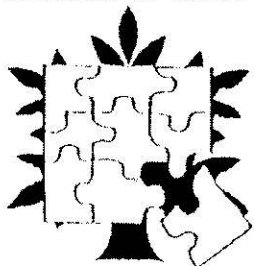
The third marriage ceremony performed by Judge Waldo Wintersteen since the new marriage license law went into effect in Nebraska last August, occurred yesterday, when Henry Severn of Scribner and Tracy Raddatz, of Dodge, were united in holy wedlock in his office. The couple obtained a license at the office yesterday morning after the notice had been posted ten days. Yesterday afternoon they returned and were married.

Both are well known people in their respective vicinities and have many friend, who wish them happiness in their marital voyage.

Ordinarily near fifty marriages would have been performed by Judge Wintersteen in this length of time.

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



Since the new law, there has been a marked decrease in licenses issued in Dodge county, the couples preferring to go to Council Bluffs where there is not so much red tape. Of late the number of licenses is returning back toward normal, several being filed in the past three weeks.

Located in the Fremont Weekly Herald 7 Feb 1924 3:8 & 7.

**Nearly Wiped Out**

The town of Herman in Washington county was stuck by a cyclone Tuesday evening between six and seven o'clock, and was nearly wiped out of existence.

For two minutes only was the town in the clutches of the circling wind, and in this brief space it was literally demolished.

The storm came from the southwest. It was seen approaching about twenty minutes before it descended upon the village. This gave the people time to seek refuge.

Two miles southwest the funnel-shaped cloud first descended in the earth. It struck the farm owned by Joe Cook, killing his tenant, Mr Hawkins. The barn and house were dashed together and the mass was soon afire from the cook stove and all burned. Three member of the Hawkins family, the wife, daughter and grandmother, were seriously injured.

The cloud lifted and was soon at Herman. It swept it clean, except for three or four houses on the north and three or four more on the south end.

The latest reports obtainable give the number of killed as 9, and 20 wounded. Of the killed four were of one family.

On the east side of town the buildings were swept to the north and on the west, to the south.

Noted in the North Bend Eagle 15 June 1900 4:1

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Tidbit note: On the North Bend cemetery Ass'n . Cemetery grounds is in charge of Mr Wm Gutch . He will attend to the digging and filling up of the graves; he will be in attendance at the cemetery on all funeral occasions . His compensation is \$3 for digging and filling up a grave 5 feet deep and #1 for every additional foot of entire depth. Arrangement can be made with Mr Gutch to take care of your cemetery lots for a reasonable compensation.

From the North Bend Eagle 29 Jun 1900 4:3

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