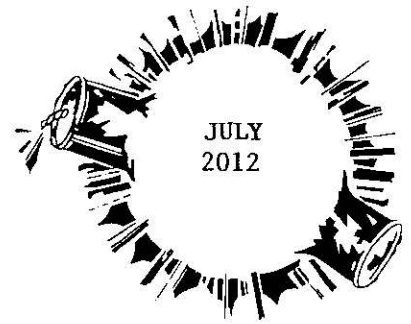




# Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society Newsletter

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We wish to remind everyone that there is no meeting in the month of July. If you have need to do some research in our library, contact Claire Mares, 1-402-721-9553. She is a busy person and many times, not at home in the daytime. If you call her in the evening, you will make contact with her.

Looking back in old newspapers we note items for the month of July.

### FATHER AND HIS TWO SONS KILLED AT M STREET RAILWAY CROSSING

This city became the scene of another heart-rending tragedy, Wednesday evening, when the 6:10 passenger train from Lincoln on the North Western road struck at the M Street crossing a Ford coupe, in which the occupants were Silas F Knapp, and his two sons, William and Glenn, hurling the demolished vehicle some thirty feet to one side, killing Glenn, a lad of 11 years, instantly, and so injuring the father who was about 55 years of age, and the son, William, aged 17 years, that they died shortly afterward at the local hospital whither they were immediately conveyed.

The accident is difficult to explain, but it is evident that the occupants of the coupe failed to see the on-coming train, which, passengers attest, gave the usual signals and was running slow in its approach of the station here. It is thought Mr Knapp and his two unfortunate sons of whom the eldest was driving, had their attention riveted to a passing Union Pacific freight train at the time, hence were oblivious to the approaching passenger which struck their vehicle with such disastrous results.

The trio were returning from their work, Mr Knapp as groundkeeper at the Country club, where young Glenn also found employment as a caddie, and William as an employee of the Plumfield nurseries. They were proceeding southward across the track on which the passenger train was moving eastward. As intimated, the eldest son, William, was killed instantly. The younger boy, Glenn, lingered until eleven o'clock that night, while the unfortunate father did not succumb until eight-thirty the following morning.

Surviving the victims of this terrible accident is the wife and mother and nine other brothers and sisters, ranging in ages from 6 to 28 years of age. Needless to add their grief over the tragedy surpasses description, and the whole community is shocked into compassion and sympathy.

The funeral of the father and the two sons will be held tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock at the First Methodist Episcopal church, the Rev Mr Fred Young of the First Baptist church officiating.

Mr Knapp, a native of Saunders county, has been a resident of this city for the past six years, his present home being at

1049 West First street. The family has good reputation for industry and honesty, and the sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved widow and children in this frightful shock and sorrow.

Noted in the Fremont Daily Herald 14 Jul 1922 1:3,4

Items from the Fremont Tribune dated 24 Jul 1868 page 3

Mr W S Ransford, of the Platte River Ferry, passed through town this week on his way to Omaha for the purpose of purchasing a horse power to run the ferry boat. Ransford is determined to make the Fremont ferry the best on the river, and we know everyone desiring to cross the stream will wish him success. He told us not to say anything about it, until he was all fixed up, but we were so rejoiced at the good news, and knew he was sure to do it, so we just "let the cat out" that others may share our joy.

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The residence of Mr Dorsey, on Maple Creek, was struck by lightning about 5 o'clock on last Saturday evening. The electric current struck the west gable at the point of the roof and run straight to the ground, ripping off the weather boards and tearing the leaf off a table standing against the wall Mrs Dorsey who was sitting by the table, had a shoe torn off one of her feet bruising her foot badly and paralyzing the entire limb. We are pleased to state that she is recovering.

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As evidence of the amount of building going on in Fremont and Dodge county, we have obtained of two of our lumber merchants the amount of building material sold since May 1<sup>st</sup> and find it to reach over *one hundred and twenty-five car loads*. In one day, last week, *over forty wagon loads* were taken from the yards.

WHO BEATS THIS???

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Mr Thomas Lee, of this vicinity, has just harvested a field of oats which averaged five feet eight inches in height, and will thresh 75 bushels per acre. Come on with your big crops and beat Dodge county if you can.....

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Dodge County, Nebraska Marriages  
100 years ago 1912 Book 13

- Louis Kruger to Theresa Hansen on 03 Jul
- Fred H Lawler to Mrs Minnie B Andrews on 03 Jul
- Thomas N Matsios to Agness J Diamond on 15 Jul
- Christopher D Beck to Minnie M Glass on 16 Jul
- Charles J Hage to Ethel Price on 18 Jul
- Henry Volz to Laura A Creedon on 20 Jul
- James E Carver to Ida M Pieper on 23 Jul
- Urban J Kemp to Lillian M Von Thaden on 24 Jul
- Otto Gudath to Ada J Frame on 25 Jul
- John H Bader to Ruth O Holloway on 31 Jul

THE CELEBRATION

The Glorious Fourth was ushered in at Scribner early this morning with the booming of "Teddy Jr" anvils, canon crackers, medium and smaller crackers and other rackets allowable on the national birthday. The weather was fine and it was not long before the advance guard of the crowd began to appear. The morning train from the east, was late and this delayed getting things started. The procession formed at the foot of Main street going north headed by the Hooper Cornet Band followed by the Scribner Fire Department, the Scribner Cornet Band, the business men's floats, the Liederkrantz special band and lots of people. Alex Ross was awarded the prize for the best float. The *Rustler's* float was the subject of considerable comment on account of its neatness and being out of the ordinary. The address was given at the park, at one o'clock by Prof. Preston, of Fremont, and was a good talk, delivered in that gentleman's impressive way. The sports for the young followed, consisting of different races, games etc. At three o'clock a large crowd went down to the ball park to witness the game between Beemer and Scribner teams. A rain came up which put a stop to any ball games for the day.

Noted in Scribner Rustler 4 Jul 1901 Page 5:4

THE FOURTH AT SEDGWICK'S

The picnic given by the Social Hour Club at Sedgwick's, northeast of Hooper was certainly a success.

Despite the unfavorable weather early in the morning the people were phoned to come on, that the large barn floor was being cleaned and the house arranged to hold an indoor picnic, should the rain continue.

At the dinner hour the grass had dried off and dinner was spread on a table made by placing long strips of galvanized sheeting on the grass. The people were all seated on benches taken from Admah hall, each member was then given a paper plate and a glass, then the grand march begin, passing around the table, each taking such edibles as appealed most to their appetite, then to the refreshment table where a supply of coffee, cold tea and lemonade awaited them.

Music furnished by a phonograph, reinforced by a six-foot round box, during the afternoon.

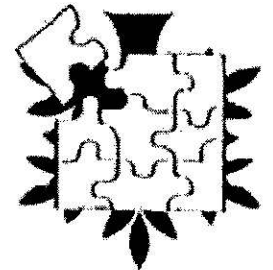
A game of baseball was played by a picked bunch which put up a very creditable game.

After the ball game a half dozen foot races, in as many classes, were pulled off in rapid succession.

After the races a general mixup in lawn games was started, but was of short duration, as some very threatening clouds rushed up over the grove from the southeast and put the crowd to flight for home.

It had been arranged to have a lawn supper spread for all, then fireworks in the early evening, and dancing in turn, but they were probably expecting too much from the weatherman, who has been doing some freak turns during '09, so had content themselves by being thankful for the happy day picnic which more than two hundred neighbors enjoyed.

Taken from Hooper Sentinel July 8,1909 2:6



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