



Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society Newsletter

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Mares Meeting Room
1722 East 19-Fremont Nebraska
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Program

US Map - pinpoint where the parents and grandparents
Birthplaces are, if known.

Browse Night

28 October 2013 7 p.m.



We thought this program could be very interesting to see where all of the persons can be identified as to where they were born. Hopefully we will be able to identify a number of common research areas where ENGS members can assist each other.



PENSION PAYMENTS

More than Thirty-four Millions Advanced During July and August.

WASHINGTON, Sept 11 - The following statement bearing upon Disbursements by the pension office during July and August for the past two years, was given out at the pension office:

The amount advanced to pension agents during July and August, 1888, was \$24,800,000, and the amount disbursed by agents during those months was \$4,840,577. The amount advanced during July and August 1889, was \$34,700,000 and the amount disbursed during July and August was \$11,468,205, More than half of the disbursements during July and August, 1889, were in payment of cases allowed during the past fiscal year ending June 30, 1889, and were not paid, on account of a deficiency in the appropriation for that year, making it therefore necessary to pay these claims out of the amount appropriated for the current fiscal year. This accounts in every particular for the apparent increase in the payment of pensions during July and August, 1889.

Sounds like 2012. Always in trouble!

Noted in the Fremont Weekly Tribune 12 Sep 1889



OF PIONEER DAYS

Two Skeletons Plowed Out by Workmen
At the Chicory Factory.

HISTORIC IN INTEREST

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Unidentified Remains of Two Persons  
Attract Some Attention—Were  
They White or Red Skins—  
Who Can Tell?—No Clue  
In the Graves.

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The workmen at the chicory factory have, during the past two days, unearthed the skeletons of two well developed grown people. The bones were turned over by a road scraper, which was being used in excavating.

There has been considerable guessing going on as to whether the bones are those of Indians or white people. From the prominence of the jaws and high cheek bones there are many who believe that the skeletons are those of the redskin.

There was no jewelry, buttons or pieces of cloth in the graves and the identity of the departed can only be conjectured.

The fact that the remains were protected by boards which were placed on the sides of the grave, it would seem that a Christian burial had taken place, at least as well as the early emigrants could have given had the deaths occurred during a journey west in a prairie schooner, or possibly killed by Indians who were evidently too much in evidence in these parts during the early days. There was nothing except the boards found in the vicinity of either skeleton, which were buried about three feet underground.

A general impression seems to prevail that the bones are those of Indians and from the rather abnormal size, it is thought that they are the remains of some Mandane Indians which are said to have enjoyed roaming on their happy hunting grounds in this part of Nebraska. They are reported as having a very large and powerful race and among the earliest settler of this part of the country. The skulls were filled with soil and the general appearance was that they had laid in the ground for a large number of years. It is also said that, in this vicinity, a grave yard was located at one time, but just where and when no one seems to be able to tell. The fact remains, however, that the skeletons were turned over, with the chances that their identity may never be known.

\*\*In another article same paper: The skeletons which were unearthed at the chicory factory, were buried yesterday in Ridge cemetery.

From Fremont Weekly Herald 28 Aug 1896 3:4 and 4:2.

#### Specialized Historical German Dictionaries

This "tip" requires the user to be comfortable with using German web sites and the German language. But what a find! Here is a page that has specialized definitions for older German terms: <woerterbuchnetz.de>. A quick scan will show that special vocabularies (e.g., Oekonomische Encyclopaedie) and regional variations in language (e.g., Pfälzisches Wörterbuch) are both addressed. I can't think of a better addition to the "toolkit" of the serious German Genealogist than this. But then, maybe I'm too quick to jump to conclusions, the same place that had the "gem" cited above also cited this page (and I hope it doesn't scare you!): <de.wikisource.org/wiki/Enzyklop%C3%A4dien\_und\_Lexika>. --Ed.

#### Another "Tip" for German Genealogy

Have you ever been stumped by surnames you encounter while reading the microfilmed church books of a particular locale? A quick way to see what some of the names common to the town might be is to use the search engine in GedBas <gedbas.genealogy.net> to search on the name of the town (and not on a full or partial name of an individual person). That should bring up every person who was born or who died there – at least for those individuals whose vital statistics data has been entered by German researchers into this extensive database. So, even if these aren't your people, you now have a way to match surnames with the handwriting you're seeing on those microfilms.

#### BYU Family History Library

When you think of the genealogical resources available in Utah, do you only think of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City? Wait, there's more!! How about Brigham Young University, located in Provo? The BYU Harold B. Lee Library has its own Family History collection with much to offer. Find it here: <sites.lib.byu.edu/familyhistory>. When you reach this page you'll find these resource tabs awaiting you: Alphabetical List (of all Lab Resources), Records, Subject List, Education, Libraries & Historical Societies, Reference, Miscellaneous Family Histories, Periodicals and Newspapers, and Digital Archives (links to state archive sites). And, as the last item suggests, this covers domestic as well as foreign research. So it's good to keep this site in mind whenever you need to approach a research problem from a new angle. And before we leave this topic, here's a link to the BYU Research Outline for Germany, which I reached through finding "Germany" in the Alphabetical List: <net.lib.byu.edu/fslab/researchoutlines/Europe/Germany.pdf> --Ed.

#### Using German Church Records

Elsie Saar has written a very nice summary for the "newbie" who wishes to consider starting the learning process that enables one to read the records of their German ancestors. It is to be found at a site associated with NARA-Pittsfield, here: <narafriends-pittsfield.org/gechurch.htm>. But, while we're at it, let's consider some of the other resources available from the folks at Pittsfield. Look for the headings for East European, German, Irish, Italian, and Jewish Research, and for "Migrations," "Naturalization Records," and "Passenger Arrival Records" – all here: <narafriends-pittsfield.org/publications.htm>. This wealth of useful guides should serve to remind us that it's often worthwhile to think beyond our usual "neighborhood" of genealogical associations. My various families are associated with the Mid-Atlantic and Upper South states and not with western Massachusetts. So, by rights, there shouldn't be much of use for me in Pittsfield? Wrong! New England has seen many waves of immigration over the decades, and it was a portal for generations of new Americans who then moved "West." So it only stands to reason that Pittsfield researchers and I should share some of the same interests. It pays to be curious, and to always be on the lookout for "tips" coming from places one does not ordinarily frequent! --Ed.

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Well, I hope you didn't tire in this reading from the German Editor at Immigrant Genealogy Society. We want you to know that Claire has saved the last few years of the monthly newsletters and they are all filed and placed in a file folder. Ask her and she will either get the folder for you, or show you where it is placed. If enough want to check the back listings, check them out and read them at home.

Dr Earl Underwood, one of our members has been to Germany seeking info on his families and can perhaps head you in the right direction. I only wish I had his knowledge of Germans in Germany!! (Claire is having problems with good eyesight and the blood clot of several years ago sometimes reminds her she needs to slow down).

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Marlene Heinsohn, member of our society passed away this month and was buried at Ridge Cemetery, Fremont, Nebraska. Marlene was a very good friend of Claire Mares and taught her how to use the wires in finding unmarked graves, and started her in walking the Dodge County cemeteries, which became an obsession with Claire and she finished after making it 5 counties instead of one. Marlene has not been on good health for a number of years, but always made contact with Claire.

