

# Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society Newsletter

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It's Meeting Time 12 September 2011  
MARES MEETING ROOM  
1722 East 19-Fremont NE  
7:00 P.M.



PROGRAM  
MUSBACH MUSEUM  
Nona Wiese-Curator

BROWSE NITE 7:30 p.m.  
26 September 2011



From the *National Register of Historic Places* - "The Fontanelle Township Hall is a well-preserved example of the township meeting hall. Fontanelle voters held their first annual meeting in April 1884, and in 1896 they approved the construction of a one-story brick hall. The building served as a meeting hall and polling place for the local rural residents."

FONTANELLE IS VILLAGE NO MORE  
Once Thriving Town Relieved of Its Charter

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COMMUNITY WITH A HISTORY  
It's Story - A story of a Rise and Fall  
Court Order Wipes it Off Map So That New  
School House May be Built

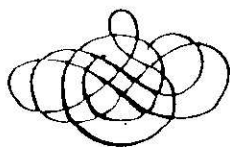
Well, playtime is over! It is time to get back to work on your family history. You know where we meet, but the outside is different-the huge maple tree was destroyed by the tornado and the stump has been removed. I am so accustomed to that tree, that sometimes when I come home I almost miss the driveway. Not used to the sunshine either front or back, but I no doubt will welcome the sunshine when winter arrives.

Jeff has been busy at the May Museum, so I don't see him very often, unless a question has to be answered.

Margie Sobotka is getting along just fine in Washington, and she has finally got her computer ready to use. It was still at her home in Elkhorn, but was shipped out to her this summer. She enjoys hearing from members, so don't forget her. She will be happy to hear from you either by "snail mail" or e-mail.

Programs are difficult to line up, and if you have some new ideas, please let Claire know and she will try to get something lined up for a meeting. Her problem is we have been holding meetings since 1972 and doesn't want to make a repeat of programs-so give her your ideas.

We will have a most interesting program in October, when Renee demonstrates the latest - the Magic Wand. Looks like a 2-inch pencil holder, but will copy pages from a book, without having to bend the book and easily carried into any office where you might want a copy of a record. AND ready to place on your computer page of family history.



(From Thursday's Daily.)

Fontanelle, once the metropolis of Washington county and a village that came within twenty votes of being the capital of the state, is a village no more. It has been relieved of the charter by an order of Judge Day in the district court at Blair, and the group of houses will probably stand for years. Fontanelle will never again exercise the corporate rights of a village.

Away back in the days before Nebraska's star appeared on the country's flag, the territorial government granted a charter to the village of Fontanelle, located in one of the most beautiful sections of the country that was rich beyond measure in fertile farm lands, the village prospered and became ambitious. In 1870 Fontanelle's first council met and from that developed a board of trustees. The board created a school district and the plot of ground of the village for 39 years for the consideration of \$1.

When the fight for the state capital, the one great ambition of the Washington county village, was lost, troubles with the railroads followed and Fontanelle started on the down grade. Gradually the fields of the surrounding farm crowded in upon the little town and before long the streets were giving way to farmers crops.

A short time ago the farmers in that district wished to make a permanent school district at Fontanelle, intending to build a new school house in place of the one put up back in 1870. In order to clear the land of the restrictions put upon it by the board of councilmen and trustees, elsewhere, the state brought suit to annul the charter. The school land will now be granted for the new school building and the district will start anew.

All that now remains of the city is one small store and a blacksmith shop, with a few scattered dwellings. Streets and roads have given way to fertile fields.

Located in Fremont Tri-Weekly Tribune 24 Sep 1910 Pg 5



INTERESTING FACTS OF LIVES OF LOCAL  
MEN 25 YEARS AGO  
Taken from 15 Sep 1922-Fremont Herald

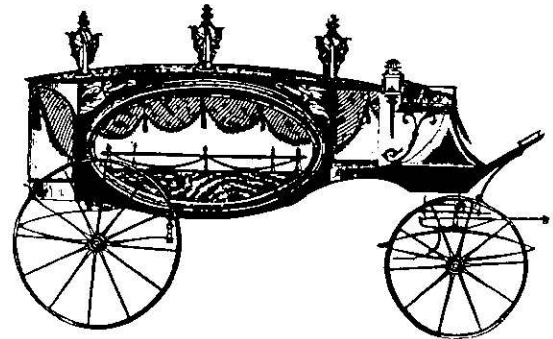
DODGE COUNTY NEBRASKA MARRIAGES  
One Hundred Years Ago – Book 13 Sep 1911

Frank J Beranek to Anna Koutnik on 04 Sep  
William A Brusseau to Lena Meyers on 04 Sep  
Francis J Eagan to Clara R Heller on 05 Sep  
Johann H Westerholt to Martha S J Wellman on 06 Sep  
William R Drenquis to Emma L Peterson on 06 Sep  
Richard Y Berger to Lettitia A Preston on 06 Sep  
Archie R Neil to Cora E Johnston on 06 Sep  
Roscoe C Adams to Minnie E Clapp on 10 Sep  
James Z Hybl to Ida S Jordan on 11 Sep  
Peter A Heillman to Bertha P Bartz on 12 Sep  
Walter L Gustin to Oillie H Barz on 18 Sep  
George H Snyder to Ruth A Emerson on 19 Sep  
James M Walker to Cora P Phillips on 20 Sep  
Henry C Foster to Mrs Mary J Freel on 20 Sep  
Ura C Fox to Mayme M Larson on 20 Sep  
John N Emanuel to Mary C Becker on 21 Sep  
Harry Russel Bouton to May E Heinlein on 21 Sep  
Arthur Julius Johnson to Alice Marie Payne on 22 Sep  
Bennie C Thorndike to Emma M D Obermoller on 26 Sep  
Maitland S Durfee to Mrs Olive L Woods on 26 Sep  
William H Moran to Mrs Hattie Moran on 26 Sep  
Hans C Hansen to Mrs Tina Jacobsen on 30 Sep

Of these 22 marriages 15 were married by either the County Judge, Justice of the Peace or Catholic Priest. Our microfilm collection of county newspapers do not go beyond 1907 and weddings were not placed in the Fremont newspapers.

Sorry we will have to discontinue the wedding write-ups in the newsletter, unless they are in Fremont papers. It is not feasible to drive to the other town papers in hopes of finding a marriage article for our newsletters, and to purchase added microfilm to our collection is not possible at \$80 a film.

In 1897 Fred Bader was right here in Fremont, where he is yet today. Mr Bader was born in Hugsweier, near Lahr, Baden, Germany. Before he was yet quite eighteen years of age, he struck out alone on the long voyage to America, coming direct to Nebraska City, Nebraska, where he had uncles and aunts and his paternal grandmother living, as well as his elder brother, JR. who is also a resident of Fremont. Mr Bader landed in Nebraska City in 1888. The following year he put in working on a Washington county farm. Then, in 1890, he came to Fremont and got his first job here working in the butter tub factory at a shilling an hour. The same year he went to work for Elsner & Bader in the furniture and undertaking business at \$30 a month. His first business venture was the purchase of the interest of C.I. Rogers in the undertaking business, when the firm was known as Rogers & Bader. Later he acquired stock in the furniture business. The present company of Bader Bros., funeral directors and undertakers, was founded seven years ago, as well as the Fremont Casket Company, wholesalers, though the latter concern had operated before that time. As an illustration of how the undertaking business has grown since that day when Fred Bader first became a partner with his brother in the enterprise, it is interesting to note that in that original transaction \$500 was the total consideration for a half interest, whereas today in rolling stock alone – automobiles, ambulances and hearses – the firm has more than \$20,000 invested. Mr Bader paid a visit to his old home in Baden, Germany in 1907. His father, who held a government position as tax collector for fifty years, was yet living at that time.



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