



# Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society Newsletter

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14 September 2015

Mares Meeting Room 7 p.m.

This is an Additional "SHOW & TELL"

Not many were in attendance for

Our August Meeting (Remember

the topic can be a variety of Research or something

special about the past

Browse Night - 7 p.m.

28 September 2015

### Do You Remember??

While Claire has been re-cuperating from a very large sprained ankle, her mind wondered back into the past. She remembered the big wedding, in the River park at Hebron. A complete unit of gypsy wagons were camped there and invited the whole town of Hebron to attend the wedding. My folks would not let me attend it, but then I was only 10 years old.

I spotted some articles in the Fremont Tri-Weekly Tribune on the gypsies of that era.

Noted in the Fremont Tri-Weekly Tribune 15 Aug 1905

A "Gypsy Tea" is one of the late party fads that is providing the nucleus for some pretty summer events in the larger cities. It may be given on an attractive lawn or some picturesque place, perhaps at camp, with pleasing results. It requires some preparation as all the girls, in order for the best arrangement, must wear oriental costumes and the grounds must be converted into a Gypsy camp. The young men, in whose honor it is given, arrive just at sundown, and everything is in readiness for them. The Gypsy campfire is burning and a fortune teller is at her post. The kettle is steaming and the refreshments are served on a tablecloth spread on the grass. Then the tea is made and each enjoys a delightful repast served by a pretty girl.

If it is desired to add enjoyable features a stringed orchestra may be engaged to furnish music. Such events leave room for the hostesses to work out some distinctly novel ideas.

While reading a book long on her shelves, she found one that does give you an "Idea" that the clan of Gypsies coming to the U.S. were from many countries. See the reverse side Which shows how and where they traveled to get to the US.

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### MISPLACED CONFIDENCE

HOW GYPSY GIRLS OVER-PERSUADED DODGE MILLINER

They Hypnotized Her and She Gave Up Hats, Silks  
And Diamonds to Them

Dodge, Aug 16,(1905) - The arrest of two Gypsy girls for obtaining property from Miss Matthiesen, a milliner of this place, has caused a good deal of interest here, as the circumstances of the case are of an unusual nature.

The two girls were of a band of Gypsies camped here for several days. During their stay they called frequently upon Miss Matthiesen. They told her fortune and induced her to believe her that she was about to have some serious trouble. They pointed out however, that this could be averted if she would have implicit trust in them. But it was a part of their scheme to also have her deposit with them a quantity of millinery, consisting of a dozen or so of hats, some silks and ribbons and a diamond ring, which she did. She now says she knew she ought not to have been influenced to do this foolish thing, but she is conscious that the girls exercised some hypnotic spell over her. This was the latter part of last week, the understanding being that the valuables were to be returned on Monday. But when Monday came the goods were not returned and the Gypsies had flown. They went to Howells, where they were arrested and brought back to Dodge. They had a preliminary hearing here and were bound over to the district court for trial. They were taken to Fremont by Marshal Frank Stecher, who made the arrest.

From Fremont Tri-Weekly Tribune 17 Aug 1905 4:4

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WOMEN GIVE BOND  
GYPSY FORTUNE TELLERS RELEASED FROM JAIL

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Were Arraigned in District Court this Morning - Mrs Winn  
Granted Divorce and Allowed Custody of Child  
Fremont Tri-Weekly Tribune 22 Aug 1905 5:7

Mary Cory and Cary Reynolds, the Gypsy women who exercised a strange influence over Miss Mathiessen at Dodge and succeeded in getting a diamond ring and some millinery goods from her, were arraigned this morning in district court before Judge Reeder. Entered pleas of not guilty and bond for them was fixed at \$300. The women were released from the county jail where they have been confined since their arrest the first of the week.

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# Westerland wanderings of the Gypsies



Emerging from northeast India about a thousand years ago, Gypsies traced a path of legend and romance across Asia and Europe. (Historic lines show major rivers.) World War II migrants borrowed in their wanderings give evidence that they stopped in northern Persia and among Armenian and Greek-speaking people of Byzantium. Europe's earliest record describing people who sound like Gypsies appears in writings of a monk at Meaux Abbey, France, in 1100. Arabists and travelers' accounts about them in Crete, Corfu, and the Balkans before 1350. In 1417 a band of the dark-skinned, ragged vagrants, led by a fancily dressed "Duke" and a "Count," arrived near Hamburg, Germany. Within a century, most Europeans knew them as vagabond fortune-tellers, singers, dancers, beggars, and cunning tricksters.