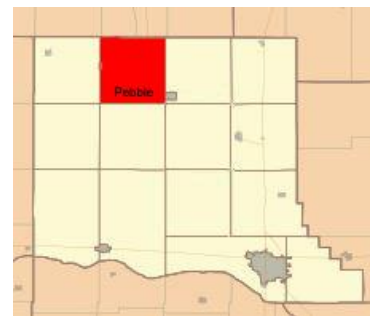




# Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society Newsletter

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Dodge County - Pebble Township

Crowell has been selected as the topic for July.

July 11, 2016

Mares Meeting Room  
1722 E 19 Fremont NE  
7 P.M.

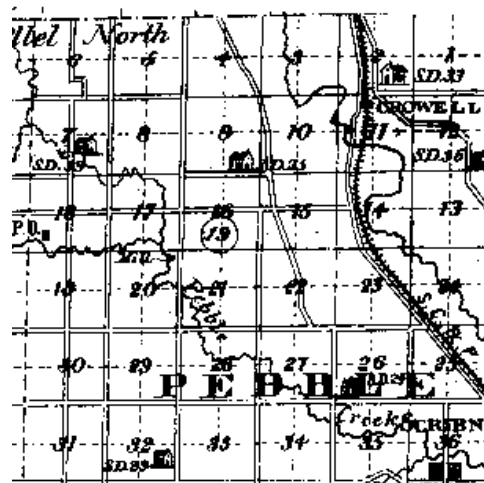
Finalize plans for July 16 Workshop

BROWSE NITE 7 P.M.

July 25, 2016

Come and do research or help file clippings

According to the 1921 *History of Dodge and Washington Counties, Nebraska*, "Crowell was platted or filed for record, December 22, 1883 by the Elkhorn Land and Town Lot Company. It was surveyed and located in the southwest quarter of section 2, and the north half of section 11, township 20, range 6."



Pebble Township map - 1884 - showing Crowell plus SD33, SD36, SD39, SD24, SD25, and SD29.

The ENGS Board of Directors met on May 23, 2016 and approved the addition of all Nebraska Genealogy Societies to the ENGS mailing list. Tentative plans for the July workshop were discussed including the need for a display at Keene Library by July 1 to help generate interest in the workshop. More discussion will take place on July 11.

- Programs for Aug – Dec have been tentatively set as:
- Aug 8 – Grave Witching at Ridge Cemetery – Claire & Renee
  - Sept 12 – Annual Show & Tell - All
  - Oct 10 – Humanities Presentation ( at Keene Library?)
  - Nov 14 – May Museum tour - Jeff Kappeler
  - Dec 12 – Bring an item that belonged to an ancestor – All

Suggestions for additional programs are needed. Please think about a program that you or someone you know might be willing to present.

Ideas for programs or newsletter topics can be shared at a meeting or emailed to Renee Bunck, newsletter editor. [reneeunck@gmail.com](mailto:reneeunck@gmail.com)

Dodge County Nebraska Post Offices 1849-1970  
From GSA micro film By W. A. Woodward

For the Dodge County NEGenWeb site, a project is underway to gather historical information about Dodge County school districts. If you have historical information, stories, or photos to share about any of the schools, please contact Renee Bunck.

## Postmaster Appointments and Locations Crowell PO

According to research done by Kate Freeman from North Bend, in 1918 there were 85 rural school districts in Dodge county. Kate has provided a list of those districts and has given permission for the photos she took of the 37 surviving school house buildings in the 1980s to be displayed on the Dodge County NEGenWeb . SD 22, in the Centerville/Everett area, will be the first school to appear on the website. Pop out and take a look when you get a chance. The web address appears at the top of this newsletter. You can also find the web site by entering NEGenWeb into a search engine and selecting Dodge county from the NE state site.

Location: NW ¼ , 11--20N—6E	
300 feet west of FE&MV Railroad Depot	
Oak Springs name changed	6 May 1872)
Hamilton McClintock	6 May 1872
William L. Cohen (Cohee?)	19 Mar 1877
Joshua J. King	22 Jan 1884
Mary King	4 Aug 1893
Herman Diers	27 Jun 1906
John Clifford	29 Jul 1916
Clara E. Patton	2 Mar 1917
Katie D. Kennedy	7 Dec 1918
Fred Schumacher	9 Jul 1921
Alice H. Smith	7 Nov 1922
Pearl S. Nelson	17 May 1923

Discontinued mail to Scribner 15 Sep 1924

The 1892 *History of the Elkhorn Valley* in the ENGS library reveals early information about the Crowell area and Cuming County:

“Prior to 1855 the territory comprising Cuming County had not been organized. Its boundary lines were, on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March that year, defined by an act of the Territorial Legislature and the seat of justice fixed at a locality then known as Catherine. This place ...was supposed to exist at a point on the Elkhorn River, known sometimes even to this day as “Dead Timber”. It is now within the limits of Dodge County.”

The story continues: “On February 12, 1857, the seat of government of Cuming County was located at Manhattan, near where Crowell stands. The county organization was not perfected until October 12, 1858, at which date the first county officials were elected and the Cuming County seat fixed at West Point.” County lines changed a number of times in the early years of Nebraska, Catherine and Manhattan disappeared and the area surrounding Dead Timber and Crowell became a part of Dodge County.

“Crowell is a small station point on the line of the F. E. & M. V. Railway in Pebble civil township. ... Prior to the laying out of Crowell, a postoffice was established to the southwest of this point, known as “Oak Springs”. In 1873 an office was established three-fourths of a mile to the east of where Crowell now stands and called Crowell.”

When the railroad was built, a side-track was provided, but no depot erected until 1883. As soon as there was a station made and named Crowell, the post-office was moved there from postmaster William Choe's farm house. The first business was a general store built and operated by J. J. King who came to Crowell from Fremont in the fall of 1883.

Other businesses arrived soon after the general store.

- J. L. Baker – 1883 – grain warehouse
- C. T. Pulsifer – 1884 – grain trade
- Fred Mundt – 1884 – general store
- Herman Diers – 1884 – City Hotel
- James Cusick – 1884 – livery barn
- John B. Taylor – 1884 – hardware store
- John Harmal – 1884 – blacksmith shop

“A school building was moved from the country east of Crowell in 1886. It was originally built in 1873, north of Pioneer Choe's farm property, on NE of Section 2.”



The Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley Railroad about 1905

From our “Tickler files”:

Fremont Tribune on 20-Feb-1889

### Crowell

H. Diers father down from West Point on a visit last week.

J. J. King was down to Scribner last Wednesday on important business.

Lon Smith died of typhoid fever at the residence of his sister last Monday.

Miss Watson who has been visiting with Mr. Cruther's folks for a few days, returned home on Monday of last week.

Mrs. Peter Flanagan has gone east on a visit.

Luna Shephard went down to Scribner Friday. She was in attendance at the teachers examination on Saturday and will visit friends in North Bend before returning home.

The Tangemann boys are shelling corn in West Point.

The school at this place will close two weeks from last Friday.

Fred Moller has leased eighty acres of land from Mr. Cohee and will try his hand at farming for himself this year.

A. Wilber has leased a farm over near North Bend and will move there soon.

Fremont Daily Herald on 24-March-1906

### Crowell (From Scribner News)

Julius Kottman has brought material for a kitchen to his residence northeast of town.

Mrs. L. L. Hunter returned Sunday evening from a week's visit with relatives at Nickerson.

The fact that both of Crowell's merchants are going out of business will make a good opening for someone in that line.

A box social will be given at the Crowell school house on Friday evening, March 30. Everybody is cordially invited.

J. C. Golder shipped a car of cattle on March 11 and the Nye-Schneider-Fowler Co. had a car of hogs on the market, March 14.

John Afrank and C. F. Ahrndt last week bought nice top buggies. Hemming Johnson invested in a new wagon.

The Afrank brothers shelled their corn on Friday of last week. They did similar work for their mother, Mrs. Kling, Saturday, and for Hemming Johnson on Monday.

C. F. Ahrndt went to Wisner Sunday to visit a few days with relatives. His sister, Mrs. Karl Siemsen, who visited relatives here, went with him on her return to her home in Atkinson.

J. C. Rogers, L. L. Hunter, C. B. Pulsifer and M. M. McClanahan went duck hunting the fore part of the week and managed to bag fourteen of the birds. They claim however, that they walked about a mile and a quarter for each and every duck they killed.

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