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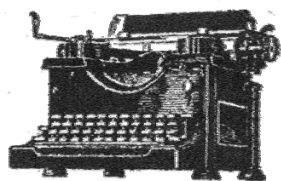
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## Ken Mosman Wins Outstanding Genealogist Award for Nebraska

Floyd Smith, III, President of the Nebraska State Genealogical Society came to Holdrege on May 4, 2010 to present Ken Mosman the Outstanding Genealogist Award from the Nebraska State Genealogical Society. It was a wonderful evening to honor one of our most dedicated genealogists.

Mr. Mosman has been a member of the Holdrege Area Genealogy Club for three years. He has supported our Club with informative genealogy programs and also helped support our genealogy library by encouraging us to expand our library and also donating funds to help this expansion become a reality.

Mr. Mosman began working on genealogy in 1959. He found genealogy to be very rewarding and a way to keep his mind active. He states that researching records is never exact and requires analysis of the records and of the individual you are researching. He stated that he "Gets more out of genealogy he ever gives."

One of his book projects he published when he came to Nebraska was a surname index of the former residents of the Christian Children's Home in Phelps County, Nebraska. Because he was not



*Ken Mosman, Nebraska Outstanding Genealogist; Sandra Slater, Holdrege Area Genealogy Club and Floyd Smith, III, Nebraska State Genealogy Society President*

allowed to research the actual Children's Home records, information was located through Federal and school censuses, newspaper research, genealogy research on the internet and interviews with former residents of the Children's Home. After several months of research, he published the book "Surname Index of the Former Residents of Christian Orphan's Home and the Christian Children's Home of Phelps County, Nebraska 1889-1954." This book was completed just before the Children's Home Reunion in 2008. Because of this

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research, unknown Children's Home residents came to the reunion for the first time. This book was very much appreciated by the former children of the home. Mr. Mosman donated the published books to Holdrege Area Genealogy Club to be sold. This money is used to buy other books and microfilm for our genealogy library.

He is presently working on a book to publish on the mental Institutions of Nebraska from 1880-1930. He, like many of us, believes that no family member

should be forgotten. This book will help family members find lost relatives.

At present he has published 12 books and written 11 unpublished manuscripts.

He enjoys presenting programs to genealogy organizations and has lectured at Norfolk, Cozad, Holdrege, Hastings, Minden and Beaver City, Nebraska. He also has spoken at Harlingen, Mercedes and Weslaco, Texas.

In 2009, he was elected to the council of the New England Genealogical Society in Boston, Massachusetts.

## Area Nebraska Newspapers On Microfilm

The Holdrege Area Genealogy Club has purchased 26 more reels of area newspapers on microfilm. The following is an updated list of our newspaper microfilm holdings which are available for researching at the Nebraska Prairie Museum in Holdrege, Nebraska.

### **Bertrand, Phelps Co.**

Times: Reel 1, 10/18/1895 thru 05/01/1896 all  
Leader: Reel 1, 09/19/1896 thru 03-31-1898 all  
Independent Herald: Reel 1 thru 7: 12/03/1892 thru 01/12/1934 all  
Herald: Reel 8 thru 12, 01/19/1934 thru 04/20/1951

### **Holdrege, Phelps Co.**

Nugget: Reel 1A thru 2, 02/07/1883 thru 06/14/1887 all  
Progress: Reel 1 thru 19, 10/11/1895 thru

06/02/1927  
Daily Citizen: Reel A thru F, 12/02/1887 thru 05/29/1903 (No 1888 or 1890 papers)

### **Loomis Sentinel, Phelps Co.**

Sentinel: Reel A thru 6, 11/18/1910 thru 04/07/1938 all

### **Elm Creek, Buffalo Co.**

Beacon: Reel 1, 2, 3 + 2A, 06/10/1898 thru 03/28/1919

### **Oxford, Furnas Co.**

Standard: Reel 1 thru 8, 06/23/1892 thru 01/19/1950

### **Elwood, Gosper Co.**

Bulletin: Reel A, B, 1 thru 9, 08/13/1896 thru 07/15/1954

### **Smithfield, Gosper Co.**

The Smithfield Enterprise: Reel 1, 05/08/1908 thru 07/17/1913

### **Orleans, Harlan Co.**

Chronicle: Reel 1 thru 14, 06/09/1892 thru 02/26/1953

### **Alma, Harlan Co.**

Harlan County Journal: Reel 1 thru 13, 08/27/1897 thru 05/11/1944

### **Ragan, Harlan Co.**

The Ragan Weekly News: Reel 1 & 2, 9/27/1895 thru 09/19/1902 all

### **Republican City, Harlan Co.**

Harlan County Democrat: Reel 1, 07/13/1895 thru 06/13/1902 all  
Harlan County Ranger: Reel 1 thru 2, 06/20/1902 thru 08/11/1905  
Republican City Ranger: Reel 2 & 3, 08/18/1905 thru 06/21/1912

### **Stamford, Harlan Co.**

Stamford Star: Reel 1 thru 2, 12/25/1914 thru

04/24/1930

### **Axtell, Kearney Co.**

Enterprise or Republican: Reel 1 thru 2, 10/10/1889 thru 01/30/1896 all  
Times: Reel 1 thru 2, 05/22/1896 thru 07/04/1902 also 05/13/1937 thru 05/27/1937  
Reel 2A, Misc. dates between 02/03/1905 thru 10/28/1937  
Times: Reel 3 thru 6, 06/10/1937 thru 09/10/1953

### **Wilcox, Kearney Co.**

The Wilcox Post: Reel 1, 01/05/1893 thru 12/28/1894  
The Wilcox Herald: Reel 1 thru 9, 04/05/1895 thru 12/18/1941

# Harlan County, Nebraska

*From 1940 Who's Who in Nebraska*

It is believed that Harlan County was named after Thomas Harlan. He was here before the county was established and organized. He was the leader of the second party of settlers coming to the county in February of 1871. He evidently was the "kingpin" in the unsuccessful attempt to organize the county, following the election on July 3, 1871; for the officers elected at the second organization election, June 29, 1872, paid Mr. Harlan \$75 for the county seal, supplies and records in his possession.

Competition was keen among the early settlers for the honor of having places named after themselves. J. W. Foster was reputedly the first homesteader in the county. In August, 1870, he located on what is now known as the W. G. Haskell farm, at the southeast edge of Alma and built himself a dugout in the creek bank. In 1871, N. P. Cook, a member of the Harlan party, located on the creek just above Foster, and built himself a log cabin. Both wanted the creek named after themselves.

The county board awarded the verdict to Cook; his argument that he had built the first frame house prevailing over Foster's that he was there first. Further honor came to the Cook family; the town site of Alma was so named, after the daughter of Cook's.

Demand for building sites in Alma did not immediately arise, following its location. On July 15, 1871, months after the town site had been laid out, Judge William Gaslin, Jr. wrote in his diary: "Camped out at night near town site of Alma, on the site of which there is not a house."

Two other town sites were located by members of the Foster party. General Victor

**NOTE:** The Phelps Helps Newsletter highlights Harlan County in this section. With many of our subscribers interested in and from Harlan County, and since Harlan County is a connecting county to Phelps County, the Phelps Helps will publish history information on Harlan County.

Vifquain, a Frenchman, went on up the river about three and one half miles above Foster's claim, and in the autumn of 1870 located a town site which he called "Napoleon." Vifquain was dilatory in completing the legal steps necessary to perfect the

site; and before he got any inhabitants for his paper town, Judge William Gaslin, Jr., slipped in and homesteaded the town site in the fall of 1871.

F. A. Beizon, another of the Foster party with eight or ten of his friends, went up the river still further, to about two miles west of the present site of Orleans. Here they built a stockade as a protection from the Indians and spent the winter of 1870-1871. Adjacent to the stockade, they located the town site of Melrose. Beizon, himself, gave the town impetus by opening a store. Intermittently for the next two or three years, his store was the meeting place of the county board and served as courthouse.

The town site of Republican City was not only located but platted and established on government land. Even today, an infrequent inhabitant barges into the county judge, and asked for a deed to his lot which on the first occasion was most surprising to the judge, but strictly according to law.

The county acquired two settlers and a creek was named by reason of an accident. Two brothers, Albert and Garvin Gould, following H. Greeley's admonition, had reached the first creek west of Republican City, and still headed west, there was no bridge, and the banks were steep. In attempting a crossing, the wagon upset, and the team broke out the wagon tongue. The wreckage was most easily salvaged upon the east bank. A financial inventory disclosed twenty-five cents in pocket. So they

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backed up about half a mile, and homesteaded. The farm now belongs to the Gould estate. And the creek was named Tipover.

Another member of the Harlan County party located on Turkey Creek, near the north edge of Township 2, Range 17. Thomas Mullally's pioneering is perpetuated by the name given this township. It is said that until the year Al Smith ran for president, only three Republican votes had been cast in Mullally Township.

Building wasn't what it used to be. In the year 1939, school district 2 of Alma is completing an \$85,000 school house. The plans, specifications, blueprints, etc., will fill a wheelbarrow. Furthermore, no one but the architect, the PWA engineer, and the contractor, can read them. Contrast with this the verbatim plans for the first courthouse.

"To be 16 ft. front by 24 ft. depth with shingle roof, with 12 ft. ceiling: 2 doors, 2x10, 6x10; 4 windows, 12 light, 12x14 glass. Building to be sided

with stock boards and battened; walls finished inside with building paper and ceiling with flooring. Material in building to be pine exclusively and best materials"

Nor is bridge building what it used to be: The last river bridge to be built in the county, in 1936 west of Orleans, cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000. On May 31, 1879, the county board let out a contract for a bridge across the Republican River south of Alma, complete and ready for grade, for the sum of \$978; length of bridge 140 feet or more.

The bonds issued to pay for this bridge were sold for 90 cents on the dollar, and drew 8 percent interest.

Bridging the Republican River has always been a "headache." At the time of the great flood of May 31, 1935, the county had seven bridges across it. When the flood waters subsided, there were three left. The one at Carter was across a dry bed—the river had dug itself a new channel a mile away.

## New Members & Queries

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I am researching **August Peterson** born 28 July of 1832 in Såby, Jonkoping Sweden and died 1 May 1913 in Phelps County, Nebraska. He married **Majstina Jonsdotter** about 1858 in Sweden. She was born in Sèby Jonkoping, Sweden on the 8 October 1830. She died about 1885 in Phelps County, Nebraska. Their children were Ida

Christina, Emma Lydia, Esther Charlotte, Johan Luther and Hanna Otelia. August Peterson's second wife was **Annie Carlson**. They were married on the 13 Feb 1886 in Phelps County, Nebraska.

I am also researching **Andreas Holmquist** born in Orkeljunga, Sweden 21 Dec 1827 and died in Bertrand, Phelps County, NE on the 8 May 1907. He married **Beata/Bertha Persdotter Jepperson** who was born December 1840 and died in 1925 in Phelps County,

NE. Their children were August, Nellie, Tillie, Wilhelmina, John Frederick.

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I am researching the families of **Adolph F. and Lena Habbe;** Andrew and Emma (Habbe) Wilson, who lived in Antelope Pre-

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cinct of Harlan County, Nebraska in 1880.

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My research interests are:  
YOUNG, BORCHERT,  
TROXELL, JOHNSTON,  
PETERSON, HEGEMAN,  
LEFFLER, RANDALL,  
TALBOTT AND JENSEN

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My father Ray Lindbloom was born in Holdrege in 1907. He was the son of **Albert Lindbloom** and **Mabel A. Hallgren** who were married November 6, 1901 in Phelps County, NE. This family lived in Sweden, Goodhue, De Kalb County, IL, Cannon Falls Township, Minnesota before coming to Phelps County, Nebraska to homestead.

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I am researching families in Westmark Township, Phelps County, Nebraska. Their names are **Andrew**, born in Norway in 1849 and **Anna (Oftebro) Johnson**,

born 1849. Their children were Sarah (Johnson) Hollinbeck and Gudrunt Johnson: Peter P. Anderson born 1848 and wife Sophia C. Franzen born 1846. Their children were Franz; Emma; Esther; Oscar T.; Enoda; Senia S. and Minni: John P. Loftgren born 1865 and Hanna "Anna" Lisa Lofgren born 1845; Anna Lisa had a son from a previous marriage named Jones W. Anderson; John and Anna Lisa's children were Arvid; Samuel and Paul.

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HIGH SCHOOL GLEE CLUB

**Photo from The Sand-Burr—Holdrege High School 1908**



# Erickson Lineage—Part I

## THE ANCESTRAL LINEAGE OF VICKI LOUISE (ERICKSON) WESTCOTT

By Kenneth Freeman Mosman

This Erickson genealogy has previously eluded description and documentation. Here Andrew Erickson, his brothers, and their father Erick are identified. In 1864 Andrew Erickson, Vicki's great grandfather, was the first of the family to immigrate to America.

**ERICK ANDERSSON** (. . .) was born in Sweden about 1815. He married in Sweden **MARIA OLOFSSON** about 1840.<sup>1</sup>

Children of **Erick** and **Maria (Olofsson) Andersson**; all b. in Sweden:

- i. **JOHAN EMANUEL ERICKSSON** b. in Sweden about 1840. He immigrated to the United States in 1868. He was at Burlington, Iowa in 1870 with his wife Hannah. She was born *circa* 1845.<sup>2</sup> They were both at Burlington in 1880 with their daughter Ella age eighteen.<sup>3</sup> 1910 he was age seventy and she was age sixty-eight. In 1920 Hannah was at Burlington in the household of her daughter Ella Freedman.<sup>4</sup>
- ii. **ANDREAS ERICKSSON** b. at St. Peters, Alvsborg, Sweden in October 1843.
- iii. **AXEL P. ERICKSSON** b. near Linkoping, Sweden 24 November 1846.<sup>5</sup> He immigrated in 1866. He lived at Burlington, Iowa until about 1879. Axel married while at Burlington Bettie Anderson on 7 January 1874. Bettie was born on 18 May 1851, and died on 12 April 1907.<sup>6</sup> In 1900 Axel and Bettie were residents of Holdrege, Phelps County, Nebraska. Their two daughters were in their household.<sup>7</sup> A. P. died on 26 June 1944. He and Bettie are buried at Holdrege in Prairie Home Cemetery.<sup>8</sup> Ch., both b. in Iowa: 1. Amelia b. July 1874, and 2. Olivia A. b. July 1876.<sup>9</sup>
- iv. **FEMALE ERICKSSON** b. circa 1850. She

married a Mr. Uty. They lived at Burlington, Iowa.<sup>10</sup>

**ANDREAS (ANDREW) ERICKSSON** (*Erick*, . . .) was born at St. Peters, Alvsborg, Sweden on 8 October 1843.<sup>11</sup> He married at Motala Landskommun, Ostergotland, Sweden (1) **ALBERTINA AMALIA HAMMARSTRAND** on 17 August 1860.<sup>12</sup> She was born at St. Peters about 1840.<sup>13</sup>

In 1864 Andrew immigrated to the United States<sup>14</sup> and may have spent his first years in America as an itinerant worker “. . . building railroad through Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.”<sup>15</sup> He likely boarded in cities and towns where his work took him. Amalia may have brought their three oldest children to America where she and Andrew had three more children all born in Illinois. Amalia is presumed to have died during or shortly after the birth of their last child Amalia born in May 1876.

Andrew married in Illinois (2) the widow **SOPHIA (SWANSON) FLOYD** about 1876.<sup>16</sup> Sophia was born about 1843.<sup>17</sup> They moved to Salem, Kearney County, Nebraska about 1877.<sup>18</sup> In 1880 Andrew and Sophia were located at Sherman in Kearney County with their children.<sup>19</sup> They removed to Axtell Village, Kearney County about 1882.<sup>20</sup> Sophia probably died or left the family about that time and in any event before Andrew married again early in 1884.<sup>21</sup>

Andrew married (3) **MATHILDA LARSON**<sup>22</sup> on 18 February 1884.<sup>23</sup> Matilda was born in Sweden in January 1841,<sup>24</sup> and migrated to America in 1866. She was a resident of Center, Phelps County, Nebraska in 1885 with her four step-children: Andrew, John, Henry, and Leo.<sup>25</sup> Two additional children were in the household that year: Theodore and Andreatta, the latter age one and born in Nebraska. Andrew was not enumerated with Mathilda and Amalia's children in 1885 possibly because he was still on a western trip<sup>26</sup> with his oldest son Fred who also was missing from the family during the 1885 Nebraska census. Later in 1885 it is likely Andrew and Mathilda

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(only their given name initials are recorded) were enumerated in the Nebraska State census at Oneida, Kearney County with Sophia's children.<sup>27</sup>

In 1900 Andrew and Mathilda were residents of Axtell Village, Kearney County without any of their children or stepchildren,<sup>28</sup> the youngest of whom was age twenty. All had either died or grown up and left home. In 1910 Andrew, age sixty-six, and Mathilda, age seventy, were residents of Mirage, Kearney County.<sup>29</sup> Ten years later Andrew and Mathilda were located at Oneida in Kearney County. He was recorded as age seventy-six and Mathilda as age eighty-one.<sup>30</sup>

Andrew died, probably in Kearney County, on 11 August 1926. He was buried in Salem Cemetery in Kearney County with Sophia.<sup>31</sup> In 1930 Mathilda, age ninety, was a resident of Oneida in Kearney County. She died in 1932 and was buried in Salem Cemetery near Andrew and Sophia.<sup>32</sup>

Children of **Andrew and Amalia (Hammarstrand) Ericksson**; the first three born at St. Peters, Alvsborg, Sweden.<sup>33</sup>

- i. FERDINAND ERICKSSON b. circa 1860. Conjecturally Fred Erickson. His brother Henry's obit. indicates that he had a bro. Fred. He probably went with his father to Idaho in 1884 where he farmed at Idaho Falls.<sup>34</sup> He lived at Long Beach, Calif.<sup>35</sup>
- ii. ADOLF ERICKSSON b. 14 November 1862.<sup>36</sup> A.(ndrew) S. immigrated in 1868. In 1885 he is with his step mother at Center, Phelps county. He m. (1) Alma O. Risberg 22 June 1892.<sup>37</sup> Alma was b. in Sweden 7 May 1868.<sup>38</sup> He was the Clerk of Phelps County from 1890 to 1894, and at Center Twp. for a number of years. He then began a business at Funk in 1897 and was appointed postmaster in May the following year.<sup>39</sup> Alma d. at Funk 4 August 1899.<sup>40</sup> In 1900 A. S. Lived at Divide, Phelps Co. A. S. m. (2) at Funk Hulda C. Risberg 12 December 1901.<sup>41</sup> In 1920 A. S. and Hulda were residents of Divide. A. S. died on 30 September 1923.<sup>42</sup> Hulda was b. in Sweden 6 May 1876 and d.

at Winfield, Kans. 2 March 1930. Henry was a pallbearer at her funeral<sup>43</sup> Ch.: 1. Harold b. July 1893, and 2. Svea b. June 1898.<sup>44</sup> Svea m. Charles E. Jenkins and lived at Winfield, Kans.

- iii. JOHAN EMANUEL ERICKSSON b. in October 1865.<sup>45</sup> He came to America in 1868. In 1885 John, age twenty, was with his step mother Mathilda at Center, Phelps Co. He m. Nettie M. Cochrun about 1894. She was b. in December 1870.<sup>46</sup> John lived at Aurora, Kane Co., Illinois according to his bro. Henry's 1932 obit. He and Nettie were at Aurora in 1900 and 1910 during the census those years. John was superintendent of the Burlington, and Quincy stock yards at Montgomery, Illinois.<sup>47</sup> Ch., b. Aurora, Ill.: 1. Andrew Ausbury b. 18 November 1895.<sup>48</sup> 2. Margaret b. January 1898. 3. Elizabeth L. b. September 1899.<sup>49</sup> 4. Janette M. b. *circa* 1905. 5. Kathryn b. *circa* 1910.<sup>50</sup>
- iv. **ERICK HENRY ESAIAS ERICKSSON** b. in Chicago, Illinois I June 1869.
- v. CARL (a.k.a. Charles) LEO ERICKSSON b. in Illinois *circa* 1870. Leo was at Center Twp. with his step mother Matilda in 1885.<sup>51</sup> He engaged in sheep farming in Idaho and started a bank at Newcastle, Wyoming about 1910.<sup>52</sup> He was living in Wyoming by 1907 and at Thermopolis, Fremont Co., Wyoming with his wife Caroline S. in 1910.<sup>53</sup> Charles moved to Siloam Springs, Arkansas, and then to Cedar Rapids, Iowa where he died. In 1930 his wid. Louise<sup>54</sup> was at Cedar Falls, Iowa with five children all b. in Wyoming:<sup>55</sup> Ch.: 1. Louise A. b. about 1907, 2. Nettie M. b. about 1908, 3. Peter A. b. about 1910: prob. d.y., 4. Andrew b. about 1911, 5. Albertina b. about 1913, and 6. John b. about 1915.
- vi. AMALIA ERICKSSON b. in Illinois May 1876; d.y.

Children by **Sophia** (Sophia had a dau. and three sons):

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- vii. ALEXANDER W. ERICKSON b. Iowa in June 1876. In 1880 Alex is with his parents Andrew and Sophia at Sherman, Kearney County, Nebraska.<sup>56</sup> In 1930 Alex lived at Davenport, Iowa with his wife Bertha, age fifty-two and Anna Utz, age eighty-nine.<sup>57</sup>
- viii. JOHN A. ERICKSON b. in Illinois about 1878. He died in 1936 and is buried in Salem Cemetery, Salem Twp., Kearney County, Nebr. near his parents Andrew and Sophia.
- ix. THEODORE ERICKSSON b. *circa* 1880.<sup>58</sup> He was with his stepmother at Center, Nebr. in 1885.<sup>59</sup> Theodore Erickson m. in Phelps Co. Anna A. Stromquist 16 June 1910, the d/o Nels and Helen Stromquist of Holdrege. On this marriage certificate Theodore records his father as Andrew Erickson and his mother as Mathilda.<sup>60</sup> In 1920 he and Anna are at Omaha, Nebraska with their three sons.<sup>61</sup> In the 1930 federal census Theodore, a widower b. in Illinois, was at New Sweden, Bonneville Co., Idaho with his two youngest sons.<sup>62</sup> Ch., all b. in Idaho: 1. Lawrence b. about 1912, 2. Paul L. b. about 1914, and 2. Dean L. b. about 1916.<sup>63</sup>
- x. ANDREATTA ERICKSON b. *circa* 1884. She is at Center with Mathilda in the Nebraska State Census of 1885. No further record; probably d.y.

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Erickson Footnotes:

1. Familysearch.org/IGI/Individual Record/v5.0/Sweden.
2. 1870 U.S. census, Burlington, Des Moines Co., Iowa.
3. 1880 U.S. census, Burlington, Des Moines Co., Iowa. Note that in their family in 1880 was Mary Erickson, possibly Maria (Olofsson) Erickson, age sixty-nine.

4. 1910 and 1920 U.S. censuses, Burlington, Des Moines Co., Iowa.
5. Note that A. P. is identified as Andrew Erickson's bro. in Andrew's 1926 obit. (see footnote 15). Axel's dob is from the 1900 U.S. census, Holdrege, Nebr.
6. Bettie's obit., *Holdrege Progress*, 18 April 1907.
7. 1900 U.S. census, Holdrege, Phelps Co., Nebraska.
8. "Prairie Home Cemetery, Holdrege, Phelps County" (Kearney, Nebr.: Morris Publishing, 1999), Holdrege Area Genealogical Club, hereafter cited as PHCEM, Vol. 2, revised, p. 43.
9. "Phelps County History," p. 687. Children are also identified in the 1900 U.S. cenus, Holdrege, Phelps Co., Nebr.
10. Andrew's obit., *Holdrege Progress*, dated 19 August 1926.
11. The 1900 U.S. census, Mirage, Kearney Co., Nebr. gives the month and year of his birth. Andrew's obit. gives the day, month, year, and place of birth.
12. Familysearch.org/IGI v5.0/ Individual Record/Batch No. 8415151/Sheet 31/Source Call No. 1395793/Film. Note that his age and this date of marriage is atypical. It was rare in that period for young men to marry at the age of seventeen. Subsequent census records of his age, however, are consistent with a birth year of 1843.
13. Andreas and Amalia Erickson are identified in their son Henry's marriage certificate. See Dick and Marjorie Dyas, compilers, "Phelps County Marriages, 22 April 1877 to 22 August 1923" (Holdrege Area Genealogy Club), hereafter cited as DYAS, Vol. 1, p. 23.
14. 1920 U.S. census, Oneida, Kearney Co., Nebr. (for Andrew's year of immigration). N.B. His sons A. S. and John indicate that they immigrated in the year 1868. His brother A. P. immigrated in the year 1866.
15. Andrew's obit., *Holdrege Progress*, 19 August 1926.
16. Ibid.
17. 1880 U.S. census, Sherman, Kearney Co., Nebr.
18. Andrew's obit, *Holdrege Progress*, 19 August 1926.
19. Ibid.
20. "Compendium of History, Reminiscences, and Biography of Western Nebraska" (Chicago: Alden Pub-  
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- lishing Company, 1909), p. 292. The date indicated is 1884 which is doubtful given Andrew's marriage to Mathilda in February that year.
21. Sophia's death is reported as 1892 by Raymond Cannon and Helen Cannon, "Salem Cemetery Records:" (Kearney County, Nebr.: no year, unpublished booklet located at the Jenson Public Library at Minden, Nebr.), p. 32. The 1892 date is not documented. A check of Sophia's Salem cemetery marker reveals that she died not in 1892 but in 1882.
  22. DYAS, Vol. 1, p. 24, see marriage of son Theodore Erickson.
  23. Andrew Erickson's obituary, *Holdrege Progress*, 19 August 1926.
  24. 1900 U.S. census, Axtell, Kearney Co., Nebr. Her Salem Cemetery grave marker indicates that her year of birth was 1839, a year inconsistent with this census record.
  25. Nebraska State Census of 1885. .
  26. Andrew Erickson removed from Nebraska to Idaho Falls, Idaho in 1884 (COMPENDIUM, p. 668).
  27. Nebraska State Census of 1885.
  28. 1900 U.S. census, Axtell, Kearney Co., Nebr.
  29. 1910 U.S. census, Mirage, Kearney Co., Nebr.
  30. 1920 U.S. census, Oneida, Kearney Co., Nebr.
  31. His obit., *Holdrege Progress*, 19 August 1926. Note that the Cannon's indicate that Andrew's middle initial was the letter 'P'. No evidence has been found to justify that middle initial.
  32. Raymond Cannon and Helen Cannon, "Salem Cemetery Records" (Kearney County, Nebr.: no year, unpublished booklet), p. 32..
  33. The first six of these children are from [familysearch.org/IGI, v5.0/Sweden](http://familysearch.org/IGI, v5.0/Sweden).
  34. COMPENDIUM, p. 669.
  35. His bro. Charles's obit.
  36. PHCEM., p. 43.
  37. DYAS, Vol. 1, p. 23.
  38. Her obit., *Holdrege Progress*, 11 August 1899.
  39. COMPENDIUM, p. 668.
  40. PHCEM, p. 43.
  41. DYAS, Vol. 1, p. 23.
  42. PHCEM., p. 43.
  43. Her obit., *Holdrege Daily Citizen*, March 1930.
  44. COMPENDIUM, p. 669.
  45. 1900 U.S. census, Aurora (Montgomery Village), Kane Co., Ill.
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  50. Names of children from the 1900 and 1910 federal censuses at Aurora, Ill.
  51. Nebraska State Census of 1885.
  52. COMPENDIUM, p. 669.
  53. 1910 U.S. census, Thermopolis, Fremont Co., Wyoming.
  54. It is conjectured that Louise C. Erickson in 1930 is Caroline S. Erickson at Thermopolis, Wyoming in 1910.
  55. 1930 U.S. census, Cedar Rapids, Linn Co., Iowa.
  56. 1880 U.S. census, Sherman, Kearney Co., Nebr.
  57. 1930 U.S. census, Davenport, Des Moines Co., Iowa
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  59. Nebraska State Census of 1885.
  60. DYAS, Vol. 1, p. 24.
  61. 1920 U.S. census, Omaha, Douglas Co., Nebr.
  62. 1930 U.S. census, New Sweden, Bonneville Co., Idaho.
  63. 1920 U.S. census, Omaha, Douglas Co., Nebr.

# Margaret Stutheit Appreciation Award

Congratulations Margaret for receiving your Appreciation Award!

The Holdrege Area Genealogy Club nominated Margaret Stutheit for a certificate of appreciation in genealogy for the many contributions that she has made to Holdrege Area Genealogy Club and other genealogists that have benefited from Margaret's researching their individual family lines.

Margaret has been a family researcher for most of her life which has given her a broad base of knowledge. She is the one person to turn to when there are questions regarding Harlan County. This is a valuable asset

because our genealogy group serves surrounding counties.

Coming from a large family on both maternal and paternal lines, she has gathered a great deal of written information and documentation, compiling this into family books.

She has served as secretary of the Holdrege Area Genealogy Club for nearly four years, keeping accurate minutes and contributing much with the excellent programs she has given.

Margaret is enthusiastic, cheerful, and always willing to do whatever she can do to further research in south central Nebraska.

Her goals include continuing serving the public through the genealogy club, and on a personal level, to get all her information into books to preserve for future generations.

We appreciate her efforts and are looking forward to future contributions.



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