



# Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society Newsletter

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June 2018

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**Special Invitation: May 28, 2018 – Memorial Day**  
**Mares Meeting room - 1722 E 16<sup>th</sup> Street Fremont NE**  
**10 AM or 7 PM**

We will be packing books in preparation for the move to the May Museum. No heavy lifting will be needed. The packed boxes will be moved at a later date. Sturdy boxes for to hold books are welcome.

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**7 PM at Louis E. May Museum, 1643 N Nye Ave,**  
**Fremont, NE**  
**June 11, 2018 ENGS meeting**  
**Charlotte Young – Jamestown History and**  
**Memories**

You may also want to choose three family surnames that you are researching to compare with other researchers at the meeting.

**July 9: Judy Ekeler's presentation will center around visits to World War I battle sites, museums, and cemeteries.** She discusses how American and French lives and societies were changed by "The War to End All Wars." She was able to visit many of the sites where her grandfather, Edgar Martin, of David City, served, and which he recorded in his daily log.

**Aug 13: Come and share stories about a Black Sheep in your family.**

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Our May 14 meeting was a busy one.

**Election:**

President : Earl Underwood  
Vice President: Jeff Kappeler  
Secretary: Lemay Anderson  
Treasurer: Renee Bunc

**Board Members:**

Beverly Egbers – 3 year term  
Charlotte Young – 2 year term  
Verne Bray – 1 year term

**We worked on simplifying and updating the ENGS Bylaws.** An updated copy will be available at the June 11 meeting for discussion.

**There was discussion of many items connected to the move of the ENGS library to the May Museum.** The plan is to keep the current library books and materials organized as they are now and locate them near the historic school room at the museum. Once the items have been moved, members will be welcome to conduct research during

Museum hours. Instead of a monthly browse night, ENGS members are encouraged to plan to spend time on Wednesday afternoons researching and helping others to use the combined resources of the Dodge County Historical Society and ENGS.

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**Continuing with the Cuming County Overview...**

**From: *Andreas' History of the State of Nebraska***

**First published in 1882 by The Western Historical Company, A. T. Andreas, Proprietor, Chicago, IL.**

The winter of 1858-59 was what is known as the "hard winter." During this year (1859) Mr. Neligh lived on potatoes, without salt, while Mr. Crawford was obliged to take that tiresome trip to Omaha for provisions. Corn was a luxury, and mills--coffee mills--the only means known of getting it into meal--were almost as great a rarity as the grain itself. This year and the year 1860 were of so discouraging a nature that many settlers left the country, and it was only by the persistency of such men as Messrs. Neligh and Crawford that the West Point settlement was not completely disorganized. As showing the extent to which the country was depopulated the fact is significant that when the census was taken in the summer of 1860 but five legal voters were enrolled. The spring of 1861 opened with no brighter prospects, but the two gentlemen named above set themselves pluckily to work and "corraled" numbers of emigrants who were intending to locate elsewhere than West Point. During the fall of 1861 and the spring of 1862 the times improved, and among the prominent settlers who located were Charles Schuth, Martin Stuefer, Joseph Emley and Judge Newborn.

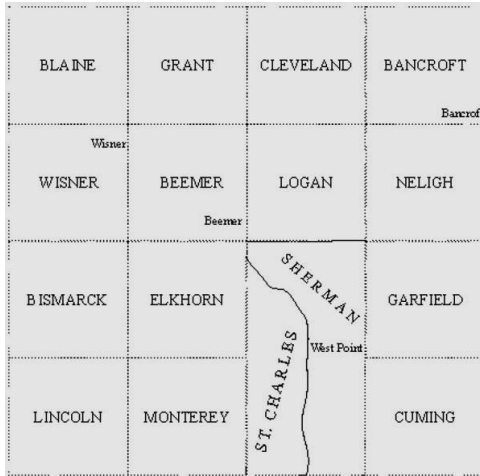
The spring and summer of 1864 were very favorable seasons as far as an increase in population is concerned, and the next year (1866) was a "boom" in every direction. In 1868 Messrs. Bruner and Neligh completed the grist mill at West Point, which had the most enlivening effect not only in drawing business to the town but to the county at large. The town continued to grow until the completion of the Elkhorn Valley branch of the Sioux City & Pacific road to West Point, in November, 1870, when it and the county took a leap forward such as had not been witnessed since the settlement began. The history of the early settlement in the vicinity of Wisner will be found in the sketch of that place.

On July 3, 1860, a patent was issued to Patrick Murray, giving a title to the northeast quarter of sections 3 and 10, Township 2, Range 6 east, this being the first in the county. J. C. Crawford was given the first recorded bill of sale, June 12, 1862. Benjamin B. Moore made the first homestead entry February 16, 1863. On June 1, 1865, A. E. Fensck opened the first store in West Point and in the county. In the summer of 1867. Josiah McKirahan opened the first hotel, in West Point. It was called the West Point House, and is still standing.

The first warrantee deed, of record, was given by Matthias Schumacker to Catherine B. Neligh, December 17, 1867.  
The first church building erected in the county was that built by the Catholics, in St. Charles Precinct, during the spring of 1867.

## Population of Cuming Townships 1920 – 1910 - 1900

### Map of Cuming County Townships



MINOR CIVIL DIVISION.	1920	1910	1900
<b>Cuming County</b> .....	<b>13,709</b>	<b>13,722</b>	<b>14,584</b>
Bancroft township, including Bancroft village..	1,179	1,285	1,371
Beemer township, including Beemer village....	1,001	1,024	1,021
Bismarck township.....	552	618	574
Blaine township.....	570	593	660
Cleveland township.....	548	613	734
Cuming township.....	641	674	729
Elkhorn township.....	712	671	697
Garfield township.....	627	628	690
Grant township.....	475	519	569
Lincoln township.....	645	587	685
Logan township.....	648	607	658
Monterey township.....	625	627	741
Neligh township.....	662	743	788
St. Charles township.....	516	580	516
Sherman township.....	619	715	706
West Point city.....	2,002	1,776	1,890
Wisner township, including Wisner city.....	1,790	1,602	1,495

### Cuming County NE books in the Library

Cuming County – A Picture History  
Dec 1998 by The Pender Times

Cuming County – Civil War Veterans  
By Gerald Sherrard

Cuming County – History & Directory  
1884

Cuming County – Marriages  
Books I – VI

Cuming County – Plat Book  
1887

Cuming County – Plat Book Atlas  
1948

Bancroft Cemetery 1994  
By Earlene Gardes & Ione Dixon  
Bancroft History 1884 – 1984  
Bancroft Heritage 1884 – 1984  
Bancroft – Zion Lutheran Church  
1874 – 1974

Beemer – Immanuel Lutheran Church  
1868 – 1968

Beemer – Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Confirmations 1868 – 1967

Beemer – St John's Lutheran Church  
75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Oakland Centennial  
1863 – 1963

Oakland – West Side Methodist Church  
1877 – 1977

Pender – St John's Lutheran Church  
1885 – 1970

West Point – 101<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
1858 – 1959

West Point – 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1858 – 1983

West Point – Best of 150 Years  
1858 – 2008

West Point – Pioneer Days  
1858 – 1959

West Point – Ray J. Smith Funeral Home Records  
Vol A,B,C plus index and early records

West Point – Grace Lutheran Church records

West Point – St Mary's Catholic Church Book 1991

West Point – St Paul's Lutheran Church Records  
& Centennial Yearbook 1871 – 1971

West Point – St Paul's Lutheran Church  
Diamond Jubilee 1871 – 1946

Wisner – 125 Years 1871 – 1996

Wisner – St Joseph's Catholic Church  
1878 – 1978

Wisner – Zion Lutheran Church  
1882 – 1932 & 1882 – 1957

