

On occasion the Library/Archives Division of the Nebraska State Historical Society receives research requests that go beyond the scope and time limit of what staff can provide. In response to such requests, the Division provides the following list of researchers-for-hire. These individuals, listed alphabetically, are not on staff at the Historical Society and *their inclusion on the list does not constitute an endorsement of any kind*. You may contact any of these individuals at the addresses listed. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. *Any agreement reached with one of these researchers is a personal contract between two private parties and does not involve the Nebraska State Historical Society*. The following summaries are unedited transcriptions of what the individuals submitted to us.

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Professional Genealogist, author and lecturer with twenty years of experience. On-site research in archives, including newspapers, church records, and other records, including those at Union College Library—a large number of these volumes were formerly held at NSHS. In addition, I have access to the following: ancestry.com; newenglandancestors.org; HeritageQuest; footnote.com; ProQuest.

Publications: *New England Genealogical and Historical Register*, *The Genealogist*, *Family Chronicle*, *Everton's Genealogical Helper*, and *Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly*.

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Professional Genealogist, with twenty five years' experience Researches in the Midwest with an emphasis in eastern Nebraska and western Iowa and utilizes both on site and online resources. She is a member of several national and regional genealogical organizations and has earned her certificate from the Association of Professional Genealogists ProGen Study Program and currently is Program Chairperson with the APG Heartland Chapter.

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If you have discovered that your ancestors came from Germany, I would be delighted to help you find out more about them. I'm a professional genealogist situated in Western Germany with 15 years of genealogical research experience. As a German resident, I have access to all major archives (church, governments, state, and local) as well as the German emigrant databases. Building on relevant data about your ancestry that you already have, I can supply additional information about the places they came from and perhaps about their real estate holdings. I am able to transcribe and translate all documents written in German and, would be available to accompany you when visiting German archives. I will correspond in English and my fees, which are reasonable, can be easily transmitted via PayPal. References furnished upon request.

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Genealogists.com is the world's favorite and largest family history research firm with over 1,200 professional genealogists. We work on-site in every county of Nebraska and most major cities. We can access every archive and repository in Nebraska.

We access the records wherever they are located, including the over 90% of records that FamilySearch estimates are not yet online. We also have hundreds of professional historians, private investigators, forensic scientists, DNA experts, university professors/scholars, and archivists working worldwide to provide whatever specific expertise may be required. We provide high quality family history research services at competitive prices and specialize in:

- Breaking down brick walls and solving family history challenges
- Strengthening and extending family trees
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Masters Degree in American History. I have written one book and published over 35 articles in various journals. Past client list includes Mutual of Omaha, Western Heritage Museum, Fontenelle Forest and the Jewish Community Center. Areas of Research: Nebraska History, Omaha History and Military History.

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Research Specialties: Areas of expertise include all US States and Europe including German speaking countries, Irish, Italian & Czech families. African-American families special interest. The world our ancestors experienced is particularly important to me. I strive to provide those perspectives in all research projects and the family memorial books I produce. Fluent or reading knowledge in all European languages and Latin. Adoption and heir work with legal firms. Oral histories, writing and technology projects. Building trees for DNA analysis.

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I am a professional genealogist with a wide scope of experience and ability. My services include family tree research, documentation, onsite research, DNA heritage determination, custom DNA projects, Native American assistance and much more.

I have performed genealogical research for clients in many Nebraska counties. I also research the entire United States with access to primary source material. I do specialize in other areas as well, including England, Mexico, Canada and some of France. I have associates located throughout the globe. If you want a dedicated, experienced genealogist, please visit [ancestorstalker.com](http://www.ancestorstalker.com) and detail your project.

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Description: We are the highest client-rated genealogy research company in the world, and the official research partner of MyHeritage.com. Each member of our core team has a family history or genetics-related university degree, professional accreditation, and/or ten-plus years of research experience. We have been working worldwide to find records for our clients for over a decade. Contact us for a free consultation.

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Eclectic, Dynamic, and Methodical – three great adjectives that describe the Team of Researchers at Record Click, a boutique genealogy firm that specializes in investigating lineage cases both domestic and international – including nine European locations, as well as Argentina and Canada. In fact, Record Click is the only international genealogy research company located on the East Coast, giving it the advantage and proximity to immigration documentation.

Record Click is staffed with expert genealogy investigators, including former CIA officers, private investigators with FBI connections, nuclear physicists-cum-forensic DNA detectives, and of course Certified and Accredited Genealogists.

Offering more than just traditional look-ups and pedigrees, Record Click pulls away from the pack on nondescript companies by offering alternative research processes for big and small projects, allowing its clients to skim the surface or do a deep dive into their ancestry. Partnered with Family Tree DNA (of *Who Do You Think You Are?* fame) and Reel Tributes (a documentary production company), Record Click serves up peripheral, complementary services that include an array of DNA testing kits, as well as a production company that will – with Hollywood quality – capture and pay tribute to a family's or friend's history.

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I'm a lifelong resident of Butler County, Neb., and history writer of the area. I can help researchers with Butler County history and/or genealogy by either doing research or by directing parties to available local resources. I otherwise specialize in attempting to answer questions regarding the railroad history of Nebraska. I have operated a niche-publishing business dealing in Nebraska and western railroad history for more than 25 years.

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