



# Madison County Genealogical Society

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Some insight into the feel of its major community, Madison, back in 1882 can be obtained by a brief look at what the little town had to offer its 600 residents:

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| 5 General Stores | 2 Hardware Stores | 2 Harness Shops   |
| 2 Blacksmiths    | 2 Shoe Dealers    | 1 Flouring Mill 1 |
| 2 Banks          | 3 Law Firms       | Doctor            |
| 2 Lumber Yards   | 1 Brick Yard      | 5 Stock Breeders  |
| 2 Hotels         | 2 Public Schools  | 1 Private School  |
| 1 Newspaper      |                   |                   |

(Facts from History of the State of Nebraska, II. (Chicago: Western Historical Co., 1882) 1108.

Looking at a list of some of Madison's leading citizens shows us they were primarily from northeastern states and German-speaking countries:

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| W. J. Barnes (Proprietor of Madison Hotel)     | Dutchess County, New York  |
| F. W. Barnes (Banker)                          | Dutchess County, New York  |
| Phil Bauch ( <u>Chronicle</u> Editor)          | Kankakee, Illinois         |
| H. E. Becker (Furniture Dealer and Undertaker) | Germany                    |
| Dr. S. J. Bridenstine (Physician and Surgeon)  | Pennsylvania               |
| P. A. Clark (Coal and Farm Machinery)          | Otsego County, New York    |
| L. W. Findeisen (Hardware)                     | New Francken, Wisconsin    |
| Herman Fricke (Liquor)                         | Hanover                    |
| F. W. Fritz (County Treasurer)                 | Prussia                    |
| William Gerecke (County Clerk)                 | Germany                    |
| F. Hoffman (Jeweler, Watchmaker)               | France                     |
| H. D. Kelly (Attorney)                         | [Ohio?]                    |
| Rev. William E. Kimball (Presbyterian Pastor)  | Frankfort, New York        |
| C. Neidig (General Merchandise)                | Germany                    |
| E. F. Prince (Hotel Proprietor)                | Berkshire County, Mass.    |
| W. M. Robertson (Attorney)                     | Delaware County, New York  |
| William T. Searles (County Judge)              | Jefferson County, New York |
| H. G. Seidel (Lumber and Lime)                 | Germany                    |
| M. C. Scott (Postmaster)                       | Jefferson County, New York |
| A. H. Steele (Druggist)                        | Huron County, Ohio         |
| James Stuart (Banker)                          | Kent, Connecticut          |
| J. J. Sherlock (UP Railway Agent)              | Newport, Kentucky          |
| F. W. Wolf (A Proprietor of Madison Mills)     | Germany                    |
| A. C. Tyrrel (Banker)                          | Berkshire County, Mass.    |

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