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Cities	Townships
Albert Lea(county seat)	Albert Lea Township
Alden	Alden Township
Clarks Grove	Bancroft Township
Conger	Bath Township
Emmons	Carlston Township
Freeborn	Freeborn Township
Geneva	Freeman Township
Glenville	Geneva Township
Hartland	Hartland Township
Hayward	Hayward Township
Hollandale	London Township
Manchester	Manchester Township
Myrtle	Mansfield Township
Twin Lakes	Moscow Township
Unincorporated Communities	Newry Township
Armstrong	Nunda Township
Corning(partial)	Oakland Township
Gordonsville	Pickere! Lake Township
Mansfield	Riceland Township
Maple Island	Shell Rock Township
Moscow	
Oakland	
Petran	



Biographies and Books
History of Freeborn County
Including Explorers and Pioneers of Minnesota [\[Index is Here \]](#)
Outline History of the State of Minnesota [\[Index is Here\]](#)
By: Rev Edward D Neill
also
Sioux Massacre of 1862 [Charles S Bryant] [\[Index is Here\]](#)
Minneapolis:
Minnesota Historical Company: 1862
[Biographical Index is Here](#) ~ [General Index is Here](#)

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History of Freeborn County Minnesota
Compiled By L Franklyn Curtiss-Wedge
H C Cooper Jr & Co
Chicago, ILL ~ 1911
Reproduced by Walsworth Publishing Co., Inc

[Appendix ~ Biographical Index](#)
[The Chapter for 'Bench & Bar' is Here](#)
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"Encyclopedia of Biography of Minnesota"

by

Judge Charles E Flandrau

Vol I

Chicago: The Century Publishing & Engraving Company, 1900

[The Index is here: Download or Read Online](#)

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["American Women : The official who's who among the women of the nation"](#)

by Howes, Durward, 1899-

Publication date, 1937 - V2

There are two interesting Indexes: Geographical, Occupational

There is one page of Necrology [Names, no Dates, A - K]

The Biographies are Alpha and split into Sections.

[The Indexes are Here](#)

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"Appleton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography "

by Wilson, James Grant, 1832-1914; Fiske, John, 1842-1901

Note: This Book also contains bios on Native American Folk

Publication date 1900 / [Read Online or Download](#)

[Appleton Review](#)



Historical Maps

[Getty Geographical Thesaurus ~ Perry Castaneda ~ Quadrangles Surveyor's Base Maps](#)

[Historic Map Works ~ Genealogical](#)

[University of Minnesota ~ Maps \[Borchert Collection\] ~ Bureau of Land Management](#)

[Minnesota Mining Maps ~ USGS Maps ~ 1869 Railroad Map ~ Sanborn Maps: Library of Congress](#)

[Michael Fox Map Collection ~ Digitized Plat Maps / Atlases](#)

[Map Goose ~ MN Department of Natural Resources](#)

[The Alabama Collection ~ Surveyors Maps: 1850's \[Base Maps\]](#)

[Borchert Map Library](#)

["Home Town Locator"](#)

Local Resources: Freeborn County Gen Society, Facebook

[University of Minnesota: Plat Maps](#)

['UMedia' Maps: Farm Atlases, and more](#)



<<<What's New>>>

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Also New... [Tutorial on How to Search PDF Books and Publications on the Archive.org Site](#)

["Minnesota Medical Magazine" \[Archive Link\]](#)

[Here is the Link at the Harvard Library, all of the Issues are linked to the Archive.org Site](#)

Volume 17-25 (1897-1905) of Northwestern Lancet,

26-31 (1906-1911) of the Journal of the Minnesota State Medical Association and Northwestern Lancet,
32-43, 45, 48-84, 86-88 (1912-1923, 1925, 1928-1964, 1966-1968) of Journal-Lancet,

and

1-83 (1918-2000) of Minnesota Medicine are available online

Owned and Published by [The Minnesota Medical Association](#)

There are three 'Versions' beginning with the:

"Journal Lancet" [3 Issues]

"The Journal

Of The

Minnesota State Medicae Association

The Northwestern Lancet" [9 Issues]

Then the final Version: " Minnesota Medical Magazine" [Still in Publication]

These Magazines vary widely in Topic, but the baseline is Medical in Nature.

When I began digging into them I discovered a unique window into Minnesota's Medical History.

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 There Journal Articles about Diseases, Maladies, Surgical Procedures, along with the growth of the Medical Industry.
 There is such a wide variety, it was difficult to figure out what to share and leave the rest of the information
 for the Individual Researcher to glean.

I have parsed out the Indexes: [Please use this Link](#)
 Along with the Indexes, there are Obituaries and Memorials.
 Some of the Memorials were lengthy: [They can be found Here](#)

The Minnesota Medical Association has the Authority to prosecute persons who violate their laws.
 In almost every Volume there were Criminal Prosecutions.
[Some of the Cases were included on the pages with the memoirals](#)

Because there were dozens of Magazines to go through, I created Yearly Sections of Information
 Indexes, Medical Rosters, Memorials, Obituaries, Articles
[1904 - 1960 ~ 1951 - 1960 ~ 1961 - 1970 ~ 1971 - 1975 ~ 1976 - 1999](#)

Lastly, There were Histories of Medicine written for some Counties:
 The Chart Below gives the Year when the Article was Written and the Name of The MN County
 There are also Articles on Homeopathic Medicine, Lake Superior, Missabe Range, Pioneer Doctors .
 Also a History of the MN Medical Association and Early MN Hospitals
[Please Use This Link for the County Histories](#)

1938, Intro, St. Louis, Vermillion, Missabe Rge	1949, LeSue, Nicollet
1938, NE, MN, Lake, Superior, St Louis	1949-50-51, Olmsted
1938, Washington, Chisago	1952, Waseca
1939-40, Hennepin	1953, His, Med, Ass, Med, Sch
1939-40, Ramsey	1953, Yellow Medicine
1940, Winona	1954-55, Chippewa, Pioneer, MD
1940-41, Dakota	1956, Rice
1941, Brown	1957, Becker
1945, Goodhue	1957, Polk
1945, Houston	1959, Meeker
1946-47-48, Fillmore	1959-60, Stevens
1948, Cottonwood	1960, Mower
1948, Scott & Carver	1961, Sherburne
1948-49, Freeborn	1962-64, Wright
1941, Homeopathic, Eclectic Medicine	
1945, Cox, WS, Bio	



"Medical and Surgical Register
 of The United States"
 R L Polk, Publishers,
 Detroit, Philadelphia, Chicago

Military Information is also included in these Books.
 Such As...

Officers Of the Medical Department of the United States Army And Hospital Stewards.
 Medical Corps of the United States Navy
 Medical Officers Of the U. S. Marine Hospital Service.
 Including Acting Assistant Surgeons And Hospital Stewards.

[Note: There are many of these Directories for the following years:](#) Scroll [Archive.org Site]
 Years: 1886, 1890, 1893, 1896, 1898, 1900, 1902, 1904, 1906, 1908, 1910, 1912, 1917

The National Archives has a really nice set of digitized records that can be freely viewed and downloaded
[Please use this link for access.](#)

Family Histories - Books [FS Catalog]
[Ackland Family](#) - FS Books Section Link
[Michael Fitzgerald Family](#) [FS Book, Catalog]
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[The Ancestor Hunt](#)
 There is a great site that has all sorts of links to free Historical and Genealogical Data
 Please Use Link Above
 Contents: Topics

Digital newspapers ~ Year Books & Alumni Books School Records ~ Obituaries ~ Coroner, Mortuary & Cemetery Records
 BMD's ~ Birth & Marriage Records ~ Divorce & Death Records ~ Probate & Tax Records ~ Institutional & Military Records ~
 Naturalizations & Immigration ~ Criminal & Digital Archives ~ Directories ~ Photos & Voter Records
 Scroll down, left side has the menu



Queries and Lookups

[Queries may be posted using links on Cyndi's List](#)

or

[They may be posted on the new MN Mail List](#)

If there is anyone who has access to local records, and wishes to volunteer,
 please contact the County Coordinator: [Martha](#)



Lookups & Free Digital Archival Newspapers

I have access to the following Subscription Databases and am happy to do limited lookups:

Heritage Hub ~ NewBank ~ Access World News ~ LA Times ~ NY Times

Contact: [Martha - Volunteer](#)



also... ['History Hub' = New Lookup Service](#)

Search for Living People: [Zaba Search](#)

[And RAOGK](#)



Old Freeborn County Files

There were few resources found on the old RW Freeborn County Pages:

[Churches of Freeborn County](#)

[Obituaries and Death Notices](#): Names as listed below.

James Holte - d. March 1903 Contributed by: Darrel Waters	Mrs. John (Mary) McKeown - Dies At Age of 85 (date unknown) Contributed by: Sue McDonald
Ole Haldorson (date unknown) Contributed by: Darrel Waters	Dordi McKeown - d. 1927 Contributed by: Darrel Waters
Mrs Karen Stensrud - 1940	Knut Knutson - d. 25 Aug 1931 Contributed by: Rodney Kurth
Mrs. Marit O. Kittleson - d. 1921 Contributed by: Rodney Kurth	Reverend Andrew Nordaue - d.1950, minister at Hayward and Trondhjen Lutheran Churches. Contributed by: Darrel Waters
Mabel P. Aanerud - d. Dec. 18, 2007 Contributed by: Jim Johnson	Thankyou Volunteers!



There were a few family photos:

This Chart gives data about each submission. Links to each photo is below the Chart

Jens and Marit Holte 25th Anniversary
 Contributed by: Darrel Waters

Endre Stadheim family from the Bancroft Township area. The Stadheim family is
 still in the Albert Lea area today.

Contributed by: Darrel Waters	Front row is Endre, George, and Kari. Back row is Lewis, Ole, Bert, John, Johannah, and Clara. Contributed by: Kevin and Shellie McDermott
TD.auto-style2	
Mary Loftus Clark Some Loftus family history. Submitted by: Marilyn Masten	Wedding picture of Maxine (Haldorson) and Walter Amacker February 7, 1946 - Trondhjem Lutheran Church. They lived in London, Minnesota. Contributed by: Darrel Waters
Wedding picture of Minnie (Swanson) and Harry Nelson 1918 Contributed by: Darrel Waters	Ole and Dorti Haldorson Oakland Township farmers. Contributed by: Darrel Waters
Swan Henry Haldorson and Dena Severina Holte Married November 13, 1913 at Trondhjem Lutheran Church Contributed by: Darrel Waters	The Moen Family farmed in Oakland Township. Back row: Ruth, John, Serene, Gladys Front row: Ida, Mae Etta, Mike Contributed by: Darrel Waters
The Holte Siblings Back row: Randi and Nels Front row: Jens, Seivert, Joe Contributed by: Darrel Waters	The Randi (Holte) Moen family. Mike, Randi, Selena and Nels standing. Contributed by: Darrel Waters
The Holte sisters, daughters of Jens and Marit Holte: Minnie 1884-1964; Nora 1896- 1969; and Dena 1887- 1970 Contributed by: Darrel Waters	With Thanks to all of the Volunteers who submitted these wonderful photos!

[Mary Loftus Clark](#) ~ [Holte Sisters](#), Minnie, Nora, Dena ~ [Holte Siblings](#)
[Nelson-Swanson](#) ~ [Moen Family](#) ~ [Stadheim Family](#)
[Ole & Dorti Haldorson](#)
["Randi, Moen, John, Nels, Selina"](#)
["Swan, Dena, Holte, Haldorson"](#)

[First Generation Chart: Mary Clark Loftus](#)
 2 Funeral Cards:
[Gertrude Kautz](#) ~ [Mary Hintz](#)

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