



By Root and Branch

The Pierre-Fort Pierre Genealogical Society Newsletter

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As you might have noticed, the Society did not publish a newsletter in November 2014. It seems that the months go faster and faster anymore! It was already December when I realized I forgot. With that said, let's get on with this newsletter.

The coming programs for the Society should be really great. I know I am looking forward to them. See the page of up-coming programs to see just what is planned.

I have been getting Barry Ewell's newsletter in my email. It is very good and has lots of helps. Awhile back he had some helps for Google searches. The one I really liked is the 'Quick Start' page which is at <http://genealogybybarry.com/genealogy-google-helpful-quick-reference-guide-genealogists/>. The other series I enjoyed was the '100+ Google Tips for Genealogy' found at <http://genealogybybarry.com/introduction-google-genealogist-series/>.

There are so many different ways to learn about genealogy and how to research. If you have a favorite, let me know and I will include it in the next newsletter.

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Pierre/Fort Pierre Upcoming Society Meeting Schedule

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The February presentation will be by Jane Healy. She has been a teacher or librarian for decades. As Electronic Resources Coordinator for the SD State Library, she travels the eastern side of the state from her home in Sioux Falls. She enjoys showing others the wealth of information in the State Library e-resources and has uncovered a few family skeletons herself. The subject is going to be “Family Trees and Histories—Genealogy E-Resources from the SD State Library” – Going out on a limb to add branches to your family tree? Need primary or contemporary sources? Learn what the SD State Library offers online to genealogists and historians for free to all citizens of the state. Find out how to use AncestryLibrary, HeritageQuest and Sanborn Maps to investigate your past—or someone else’s.

You can bring your internet-capable device to follow along with her. Wi-Fi will be available.

March meeting will be a chance to share old family postcards and the story behind them. Vintage postcards of events, holidays, and places can provide a unique look at the history of your family and the places they have lived.

April will be a presentation by Mariah Pokorny from the Department of Health and Vital Records Office. The presentation will be on what records are available, the process for a certified copy or a research copy (and the difference), indexes on-line, access of a county record from another county, etc. Then a question and answer session after her presentation.

If you haven’t been to the society’s website lately, it is well worth a visit. It is located at [http:// www.rootsweb.com/~sdfpgs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~sdfpgs/). You’ll find databases and up-coming events which are planned.



Our meeting in November was a wonderful presentation by Ken Stewart from the South Dakota State Historical Society. He is the research room Administrator at the South Dakota State Archives. We always enjoy Ken, his stories and fantastic sense of humor. This evening, he had slides of historical buildings in Pierre and told us stories about who owned them. He also had present-day pictures of the buildings. It was an evening enjoyed by all who attended. We had many visitors, some of whom

remembered the buildings and people involved and had stories of their own to share.

Using the Internet – FamilySearch Wiki

The FamilySearch wiki is a wonderful resource. You can get genealogical research advice, or learn where to find record collections in their 80,798 articles! If you haven't checked it out yet, go to: https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Main_Page .

I was asked a couple of weeks ago about how to get kids interested in family history. I found a nice wiki page titled 'Family History Activities for Children: 3-11' with many links here: https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Family_History_Activities_for_Children:_3-11

Internet Tips and Information

Pinterest

What, exactly, is Pinterest? You know when you're browsing online and see something you love and don't want to forget? What do you do -- email it to yourself? Print it out and put it in a binder? Bookmark it on your computer? Now there's a simple way to compile all of the great things you find online – on Pinterest!

Pinterest is a website that allows you to "pin" things online, just as you would pin them on a real life bulletin board, but instead, Pinterest saves all of your pins on your account so that you can access them easily. Plus, you can follow friends on Pinterest and "repin" things that they have already pinned on to your Pinterest boards or browse a live feed of items that are being pinned by strangers when you're searching for inspiration.

Unlike other social bookmarking sites content shared on Pinterest is driven entirely by visuals. In fact, you can't share something on Pinterest unless an image is involved.

Lately, I have been playing around looking for fun ideas of ways to share family history with my grandkids. I find myself going on to Pinterest looking for those ideas and inspiration. I did a quick search for "Family History" and found MANY different boards. To mention just a few: "Family Tree Crafts", "Family History Ideas", "Family History Crafts & Gifts", "Family History, Heritage Scrapbooking", "Family & Personal History Ideas", "Family Tree Displays", and "Family History Quotes".

You might want to go browse around and just see some of the fun ideas which are shared. You will find Pinterest at <https://www.pinterest.com/>.

Why is genealogy so popular? Genealogy forms a bond to one's heritage. By studying your genealogy, you can develop a greater sense of self. Studying genealogy can also be enlightening, revealing family stories that are surprising, entertaining, or even a little scandalous.

South Dakota's Past
From the pages of the *Capital Journal*, Pierre

Monday, November 14, 1898

- A party is down the river this afternoon on a coyote chase. If this kind of weather continues such chases will be numerous in the next few weeks.
- F. C. Crocker, the government inspector, left this morning for an overland trip to the Black Hills and will be absent several weeks.
- Pierre's new flouring mill is a success from every point of view. Mr. Charles E. Hyde is a practical miller of experience and has turned out fine grades of flour from the time the wheels first started. He gives the top price for wheat, paying over 50 cents a bushel here when it was only 46 cents in surrounding towns. Farmers are also kept overnight free of charge, and the result is a gradual attraction to this point as a market for wheat raised in this and adjoining counties. Mr. Hyde says that in all his milling experience he has never found such fine wheat as here for milling purposes and he ran similar establishments in North Dakota, Minnesota and elsewhere. We can well afford to patronize exclusively our home institution so long as a first class mill is here even should the cost of flour remain the same as of old. What is now paid in the way of freights will go to the farmers who in turn come here to buy and sell.
- J. C. Wild is working on a water motor to be propelled by the current of streams, and by which he is confident the Missouri river can be made to irrigate a large acreage along its banks. The device is very simple and will work at any depth of water. If his device proves a success he will have something of value.
- Messrs. Gardner, Mosteller, Dickey, and Van Dusen returned from the old Wells' ranche on Moreau river Saturday night bringing 50 head of horses with them. They report the range in the best of condition and horses in good shape. Mr. Van Dusen received a telegram from Watertown asking how many horses he could deliver at once, and will probably ship four car loads in a day or so.

November 15, 1898

- Miss Bel Coulter arrived this morning from Winnipeg for a visit of several weeks with her uncle Dr. D. C. Lavery of Ft. Pierre.
- Judge Gaffy comes in from his ranche yesterday with a sprained ankle occasioned by stepping on a loose stone while trying to catch one of his horses. The judge proved to be the slowest in the race.
- Frank Smith has sold out his oil wagon business to Eugene Harchman of Ft. Pierre, who will take possession the first of next month. Frank will look up a location for a ranche on the range.

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Our April meeting with a presentation by Mariah Pokorny from the Department of Health and Vital Records Office was extremely informative. She shared with us which records are available, the process for a certified copy or a research copy and indexes on-line. To find more information, go to the website at <https://doh.sd.gov/records/genealogy.aspx> . Information about Certified or Research (Informational) is as follows:

The Office of Vital Records often receives questions from genealogists requesting assistance on what type of copy they need. The following tips can help:

- A **Photostatic** copy is a photocopy of the original record. It is intended for genealogy use and generally provides the most information.
- Copies can be requested either **Certified** or **Informational**. If you are not using the certificate for legal or DAR purposes, you will want to request an **Informational Photostatic Copy**.

Another good resource is the list of SD County Register of Deeds offices and contact information. It is located at <https://doh.sd.gov/records/county/>

We are very lucky to have such knowledgeable people to come to our Society meetings and share with us.

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The May meeting will be a video from the 2015 Roots Tech Seminar which was held in Salt Lake City.

In June we are hoping to have a presentation from a staff member of the SD Archives. Watch our website for more information.

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Population of South Dakota jumped quite a bit in the 10 years between 1880 and 1890!

Population of South Dakota.

The census bureau has just issued a bulletin showing the population of South Dakota to be 328,808, against 98,208 in 1880. The population of the ten cities having 2,000 or more inhabitants is as follows:

Cities.	Popula- tion 1890.	Popula- tion 1880.
Sioux Falls.....	10,177	2,164
Yankton.....	3,670	3,431
Pierre.....	3,235
Aberdeen.....	3,182
Huron.....	3,032	102
Watertown.....	2,672	746
Lead City.....	2,581	1,347
Deadwood.....	2,366	3,777
Mitchell.....	2,217	320
Rapid City.....	2,128	292

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Collections Will Receive Prompt Attention. Pierre, South Dakota

Tips and Hints
What Should I Save?

Family Tree Magazine website has many hints. Here is one about what to save or not to save when trying to organize your files.

SAVE

- vital records
- graduation and marriage invitations and announcements
- birth announcements
- Christmas cards with envelopes
- Christmas card lists
- recipes, handwritten favorites
- address books
- bank passbooks
- income tax returns
- journals, diaries, ledgers
- correspondence
- employment records, contracts, resumes
- telephone books
- city and club directories and rosters

SKIM, THEN TRASH

- church and club newsletters: look for family news and save a representative copy
- cancelled checks, check registers: look for heirloom purchases, cost of living expenses
- news clippings: skim for news of family or friends
- old calendars: skim for birthdays and anniversaries
- receipts: skim for heirloom purchases
- auto registration: extract the make, model and license number
- medical records: extract family health history details

TRASH

- bank statements
- old insurance policies
- duplicates of genealogical records you already have
- old utility bills
- receipts for unknown items
- old credit card statements
- club meeting or project notes
- warranties and instruction manuals for old appliances
- souvenir travel brochures
- recipes to try and how-to clippings
- old magazines (check prices on eBay <ebay.com> first)

South Dakota's Past
From the pages of the *Capital Journal*, Pierre
(Spelling and punctuation as in the newspaper)

November 2, 1891

- Through the carelessness of a cow boy yesterday when a bunch of Charley Howard's cattle were being crossed on the pontoon bridge they became bunched on the bridge and broke down a section of the railing and four cattle were thrown into the river, but they had no trouble in swimming to the shore.
- O.S. Pender has been removed as clerk of the United States district court, and Chas. Mellette, as son of the governor, appointed in his place. Judge Edgerton gives as a reason that he was not in sympathy with Mr. Pender. Mr. Pender still holds the clerkship of the United States circuit court which pays from \$800 to \$1000 per year.
- The whereabouts of Tom Chausse still remains a mystery. It now turns out that he borrowed money from the National Bank of Commerce, First National bank and Citizens bank – over \$100 altogether – and gave a mortgage upon some property he never owned. Whether this would be an additional incentive for him to commit suicide or not is hard to tell. His parents or brothers in the mean time are not taking very active steps to find him.
- Messrs. Robinson and Clough yesterday received their \$1,000 colt from Kentucky on the special train that came in to take out a train load of stock. Today the colt has been on exhibition at the stables on upper Dakota avenue and a number of people took the opportunity of looking at the blooded horse. He is a beauty and well he might be as he is sired by a half brother of the famous Allerton and on the dam's side he has some of the best blood in the country. The colt's registered name is Survivor. He will be taken out to Dinsmore's place tomorrow where he is to be kept in the future.
- Port Pierre Fairplay: As near as can be estimated the cattle shipments from this point during the week will be as follows: C. K. Howard, ten cars; J. W. Williams, ten cars; Jas. Cox, ten cars; Doug Carlin, seven cars, Jas. Phillip, three cars; Dick Mathieson, three cars; Julius Wicket, one car; Jas. Thomson, one car; and Wm. Cottle, one car. Besides these there are a number of others that are cutting out their fat cattle which will soon be shipped. Altogether the cattle shipment for ten days past and for the next ten days will be about 2,500 head. Cattle shipments will not be as large as estimated in the early part of the season.

September 1, 1903

- Mrs. Thomas Brown returned last night from her trip to San Francisco to attend the G. A. R. meeting. She brought back a large collection of souvenirs of different kinds as mementos of her visit to the coast, and is enthusiastic over the beauties and pleasures of the visit. She met several old time Dakotans while on the coast among them the McGinnis Family which went from Sully county, and Peter Bayard, who announced his intention of returning to Pierre. The other members of the party who were from Pierre are visiting at various places on the coast and will return later in the month.

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Here it is August already! Time sure seems to fly by – especially in the summer months.

This made me think about time and I wondered if it went this fast in my great grandmother’s life also. I really wish I had a self-written life story of her, in fact of any of my female ancestors. Their life would have been very different from mine. They had to do more of the basic living than I do. There weren’t the convenience foods (I don’t have to kill the chickens first to have it for dinner). Of course, there were no computers, cars, phones, nor many other things we just can’t “live” without.

What will our great grandchildren wonder about our lives? What about the food we prepare and eat? Start now to write down the everyday activities and thoughts you have so they will be able to know you better.

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The August meeting will be our annual potluck dinner. Lorraine Kintz will share thoughts about her trip to France with us.

In September we are going to have a half-day seminar on Saturday the 12th instead of our usual Tuesday meeting. It will begin at 1 pm. Information will be on our website soon.

Our October 20th meeting will be a presentation given by Ronette Rumpca from the SD Archives entitled *Immigrants Through Objects*.

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Tips and Hints *One-Hour Life History*

Writing a life history sounds like a monumental task, but it can be done in an hour. It's easy. It's even fun. Here is one way to begin:

- Set aside an hour - use a timer to ease your mind - and find a comfortable place to write.
- Use a legal pad and a ballpoint pen, a typewriter, or a computer. Or if writing is difficult for you, talk into a tape recorder and have someone else transcribe it.
- Begin with your name. Simply write "My name is . . ." Tell how you got your name, what it means, your nicknames, etc. If you were named for Aunt Matilda or Grandpa George, write that down.
- Now write everything you know about where you were born: the name of the hospital or the address of the house or the location of the farm. Add details about the weather, the time of day, and the day of the week.
- List the names, birthplaces, and birth dates of your parents, brothers, and sisters.
- Name the schools you attended, including college. You may be tempted to begin a long story about the time you and your best friend got lost collecting for a paper drive. Resist the temptation. Straying from the assignment will run into overtime and make you reluctant to return to your history.
- List the organizations you joined as a child—Brownies, Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H, etc. Did you play the tuba in a marching band?
- List important Church dates, such as your baptism and other ordinances, and your Church callings or activities.

- List the date, location, and other significant details of your marriage. Then list your children and their birth dates. Mention important changes in your family—a child's marriage, deaths, divorces, moves, and jobs. Remember; keep to the bare bones of your life. You only have one hour, so stick to the facts.
- Describe how you have spent your adult life—at work, at home, and so forth.

You're done! Make a clean copy of your work. Use page protectors and insert it into a three-ring binder. The binder will make it easy to add material later on. Your one-hour life history will be a fair representation of your life. You never have to worry about writing your life history again if you don't want to.

Of course, you may want to think about it again. You can add more to your life history in one-hour increments. When you finish a project, make a clean copy and put it into your three-ring binder.

- Write a story about an event in your childhood. The story doesn't have to have earth-shaking significance; it just has to mean something to you. Begin like this: "I remember when I was seven . . ." You will be amazed at what you remember!
- Elaborate on any of the topics in the first history. Add the details you had to skip before.
- Add photographs to your history. Seeing the faces and places described in the text can help it come alive. You can purchase archival-quality pages to hold photographs; or copies of your photographs can be made on a copy machine and included in your binder.
- How about a romance chapter? Write the story of your courtship, engagement, wedding, and honeymoon.
- Write some memories of your children. Reminisce on their babyhood and the cute things they said and did.
- Write about yourself as you see yourself. How do you feel and what do you think? Describe yourself, not just physically, but with other interesting details: that you cry over sentimental movies, love baseball, and hate beets.
- Write about your best Christmas, summer vacation, or annual family outing; write about any holiday or vacation, for that matter.
- Make lists. For example, what are your favorite foods?
- Write about items in your home that have a special meaning to you. If your son cut his teeth on the back of a chair, write about it. And mention any furniture handed down to you from a loved one.
- Write a one-page annual update of the highlights of the past year.

Gradually, you will write a life history rich in detail. But don't think about that. For now, have fun in just one hour.

Share Your Family's Food Heritage

Every family has a history—where they are from, what religion they observe, how many children they have. Families also have a food history—the story of what they eat from day to day, how they celebrate, and how the memories are passed down. The history isn't just the method of how the food is prepared; there is also a lore that goes with it.

Write down your favorite food memories and then look through old family cookbooks for recipes and memories you want to keep and share.

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From the pages of the *Capital Journal*, Pierre
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Sept 6, 1891

- Obey the Laws. Every citizen should obey the laws on our statute books. No man has a legal or moral right to violate a law because it is a bad law or because it does not coincide with his views. So far as the law is concerned there is but two classes, viz. the lawless and law abiding. You may not like the law fixing the date when it is lawful to shoot prairie chickens. You may be opposed to the Sunday law. You may regard the usury law as unwise and even unjust, yet this does not warrant you in disregarding it. Bad or unjust laws should be changed not broken. You may regard the prohibition law as a very bad law. A majority of the people thought differently when it was voted into the constitution. Be a man and obey the laws or move into a state where such a law will not interfere with your personal liberty. If you remain, use your best endeavors to secure the repeal of the law but obey it so long as it stands. This is honorable. It is the only honorable course.

Sept 11, 1891

- “Mr. Waterfall, a farmer residing down the river was brought to the city this morning to receive medical attendance. A peculiar accident befell Mr. Waterfall. He was hitching up his team of horses and one of them started to bite the other one. In doing so it caught Mr. Waterfall’s nose in its mouth and closing down its teeth nipped off the end of his nose. The accident is a very painfull one and he has suffered considerably from its affects.”
- Chief Engineer Myron Willsie and Attorney William Duff Haynie, of the Rapid City, Missouri River and St. Paul railroad company, arrived in the city overland, last night. They followed the line of survey of the road from Rapid City. The corps of locating surveyors in charge of Engineer Haines is now about fifteen miles up Bad river and will have a line located to this city within the next week. Messrs. Wilsie and Haynie will probably be in the city several days looking up matters at this end of the line.

Sep 12, 1891

- S. Guthrie and the mayor and chief of police of Fort Pierre are having quite an exciting time. It seems that the city council of Fort Pierre recently passed a dray and hack line ordinance. Now Mr. Guthrie runs a hack line between Pierre and Fort Pierre and has the contract for carrying the mail to Fort Pierre. He refused to pay any license and as a result when his driver drove over yesterday he was arrested on charge of violating the ordinance. Mr. Guthrie was out of town and did not return until evening. He then learned what had occurred and in the mean time his man had been unable to deliver the mail. Being a deputy U.S. marshal Mr. Guthrie at once had a warrant sworn out for M. P. Kennedy, the Fort Pierre chief of police, on the charge of stopping the United States mails. Loaded down with the warrant Mr. Guthrie went across the river and secured the chief of police and also his driver upon a subpoena as a witness. He got his men in his wagon and started for Pierre, but Mayor Erwin appeared on the scene and demanded the driver as he was under arrest for violating the ordinance. Quite a scrap ensued and the result was that Mr. Guthrie got away with the chief of police but the mayor held the driver. Today Mr. Kennedy was brought before the U.S. court but his case was continued until next Tuesday. The driver was fined \$5 and cost at Fort Pierre. And still the war is on.

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Do you ever have a hard time deciphering your abbreviations after taking notes? Sometimes I wonder if I was asleep when I wrote them down, because I really have no idea what I was trying to say!

The following is an excerpt from Paula Stuart-Warren’s website at

<http://genealogybypaula.com/2012/03/spell-it-out-pls-thx/> Please go to her site to see the whole article.

“Spell it out. Pls. Thx.

Do you mean city or county when you state “cty” and this does cause geographic angst. Did you mean buried when you said b 8 May 1901? Or did that mean born? Does an “m” mean married, male or maybe mad at you? Is Margt an abbreviation for Margaret, Margareta, or Margaretha? What about M. Jos. Lecompte? Marie Josephine? Monsieur Joseph? If you are transcribing something you definitely need to do that the way something was written. In that case, what you see is what you get. You might add an interpretation in brackets if you have some other knowledge that makes this reliable. [Margareta?].

FYI, it’s not TMI to spell out words. BTW, it’s just helping each other. FWIW, remind me if I don’t explain an abbreviation. 1ce you do it, it’s easy. 2day is OK.”

I really enjoy reading her thoughts, insights and hints for research. I hope this is a new and good resource for you also.

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Pierre/Fort Pierre Upcoming Society Meeting Schedule

The Pierre/Fort Pierre Genealogical Society meets each month except December at 7 pm on the 3rd Tuesday. Our meetings are usually held in the LDS Church at 506 N. Jefferson, Pierre, SD. If there is a change, the members will be notified via email or phone.

In the November business meeting we will be electing the officers for 2016. Please plan on being present to have your say and vote for our officers.

The presentation part of the meeting will be given by Jeanne Viken about her latest trip and genealogy finds. This should be very interesting and it is always an enjoyable time hearing about others' research.

If you haven't been to the society's website lately, it is well worth a visit. It is located at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~sdfpgs/>. You'll find databases and up-coming events which are planned.

Tips and Hints

Some interesting websites with genealogical research information

The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy

[http://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy](http://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=The_Source:_A_Guidebook_to_American_Genealogy)

Ancestry.com has digitized the content of *The Source* and made it available in wiki format as one of the foundational sources.

Why Bother? The Value of Documentation in Family History Research

http://www.genealogy.com/articles/research/19_kory.html

How to overcome the biggest obstacles in documenting your research and why taking good notes will make your research faster and easier.

What are Standards? <http://www.tedpack.org/gedstd.html>

Concise article about how to apply standards in documenting research. You might want to look at more of his pages – start at <http://www.tedpack.org/genhead.html>

Citing Online Sources - <http://www.worldwidewords.org/articles/citation.htm>

This is a suggested format for citing the most common types of online material in printed texts; it is derived from advice given in various sources, which are listed at the end of the article. The list of references also serves as examples of the formats suggested.

OnBoard: Newsletter of the Board for Certification of Genealogists

<http://www.bgc certification.org/skillbuilders/>

A list of skill building articles published in Board for Certification of Genealogists' educational newsletter, "OnBoard". Excellent information which will help you utilize old and new resources effectively.

Using Newspapers for Genealogical Research, Allen County Public Library

<http://www.genealogycenter.org/Pathfinders/Guides/Newspaper.aspx>

The newspapers of a community chronicle the successes, failures, and everyday lives of the people who live there. To the family historian, newspapers of the late 19th and early 20th centuries can be especially helpful because of their abundance of personal news and social items. Besides descriptions of occurrences within the community, they also include local angles to national, regional, and state events.

Ancestors Charts and Records <http://www.byub.org/ancestors/charts/>

PDF charts and records available to download; such as family group sheets, pedigree charts, research logs, etc.

The Bailey's Free Genealogy Forms <http://dept.cs.williams.edu/~bailey/genealogy/>

PDF family record sheets, pedigree charts, fan charts, cemetery records, etc. posted by two family researchers.

Free Forms at Family Tree Magazine <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/freeforms>

Getting organized and knowing how to address government agencies and organizations can help you get quicker, more effective results. These can help you access and organize your family history information.

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From the pages of the *Capital Journal*, Pierre
(Spelling and punctuation as in the newspaper)

Nov 14, 1891

- A Unique Party

Mr. and Mrs. Coe. I. Crawford entertained about forty of their friends last night at a "Spider Web Party." A most delightful time was had by those present and they will long remember the charming way they were entertained. During the evening elegant refreshments were served.

The party took its name from the fact that each guest was provided with a card upon which two lines of poetry was written. From these two lines as a key note the guests were expected to add some additional lines to rhyme with the same. These were then read by each contributor. The following is a sample composed by Chas. L. Hyde:

It might have been the evening breeze
That whispered in the garden trees,
Or it might have been a flock of flees
That caused the lovers both to sneeze.
But when he got upon his knees
And was just to make his urgent please,
A simple pair of honey bees
Got in their work and stoped the squeeze.

- Geo. Rager, of Sully county, paid Mr. Kramer a visit, and to see about getting some grinding done at our mill. Geo. Says that the voluntary wheat of this section produced a better yield and

finer quality than the spring wheat that was most carefully sown. This fact proves that winter wheat will excel the spring wheat in that favored locality.

January 2, 1891

- Linsley's hack team ran away again yesterday. They were hitched upon the street when they became frightened at the street car. They ran down toward the pontoon bridge. The Guthrie hack loaded with men and women was just crossing the bridge and miraculously escaped being run into by the wild team. Just before they reached the Guthrie hack the runaways ran against some timber and broke away from the wagon, not fifty feet from the wagon loaded with people which they were headed for.

January 4, 1891

Personals.

- L.W. Cook left for Watertown.
- Register Bailey was in Huron yesterday.
- Mrs. Geo. McMillan and Sibil Sammis were in Blunt yesterday
- State Auditor Taylor arrived in the city last night, accompanied by Miss Mamie Kernan, who will spend a few weeks visiting Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.

- Heart of the City Worth \$100,000, And a Fine Capitol building Donated by the City of Pierre To the Daily Capital, Chicago, Ill., Jan. 3, The Northwestern railroad deeded twenty acres of land, known as "Capitol Square", to the state of South Dakota today. It is easily worth \$100,000. —James A. Ward.

The above telegram explains itself. The Northwestern Railroad company have kept their word to the city of Pierre and the state will receive a deed to the twenty acres of land upon which the capitol building stands. Mr. Ward left Pierre New Years day, and consequently has lost no time in seeing the railroad company, and getting them to turn over the deeds to this fine piece of property. As Mr. Ward truthfully says this land is worth \$100,000, for it lies in the very heart of the city, and is the most slightly, piece of ground within the city limits.

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Individual: \$10.00 per year.

Family Membership: \$12.00 per year.

Memberships include a subscription to the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Newsletter emailed as a pdf file, so an email address is required.

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