

KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

(It) lies south of the Missouri River, in the northeastern part of the state. There are 8554 inhabitants. The town of Niobrara is the county seat. The topography is mostly rolling prairie. The cone-shaped hills and valleys, draws oneself there to a great extent to the picture of the countryside of this county. This romantic countryside must appeal to everyone, viewed higher up on the ridge of mountains, one can see the streams and rivers wind like a serpent and farther, upper mountains, green trees, and the lower mountain range forms cone shaped manner, gives impression of a waving surging sea! Land in the valley is fertile; higher slopes is either sandy or gravel in a mixture; crops not as fertile as in the valleys. The Czech colony here has their origin and start from Chicago, Illinois, where the Czech colony was founded which in 1869, sent out a number of members of their own to look over different states. For the male group, it was a great difficulty, so to speak, impossible for the members of the colony to find land with forest, prairie, and spring water. It isn't surprising then to see this group standing on elevated prairie, north from the Missouri River, and could see south across the river, the beautiful valley along the Niobrara River and the distant valley of Verdigre where there was forest, water, and prairie. The idea at once was to act on land (homestead), divide the land in parts, without seeing it, since the western side on the Niobrara River was the Indian Reservation, it would have left the settlers forbidden fruits. Returning in a hurry, with the colony, finding their divisions, and adapted in a relatively short time, with the first part of settlers in their new home and were: Mr. Fr. Janousek, Mr. Vaclav Randa, Mr. Jan Srajer, Mr. Ant. Pisl, Mr. Jan Holecek, Mr. Josef Krupicka and more other homesteads were here. Later Mr. Frant. Bem separated himself and moved to South Dakota. There was a span of time disputes among the settlers led a precedence and contrast in settlement with Nebraska opposite South Dakota. From the first times, settlers hereabouts suffered great disappointments and ruined crops. Yet, at that time, small, were their neighbor Indians named Ponca. Yes, many found a living in Chicago, traveling to there to work, on foot, working in the iron works (perhaps railroad). (Taken from American Kalendar, written by Jan Beran). After earning something hurried happily back to their families, where they had left them, beginning first, how would you say, farming! At the present time, there is no Czech community and the settlers are found in a good portion of matters. Czech Lodges that are found in the county are two, Lodge Bila Hora of Verdigre and Sladkovsky in Pishelville. They have their own national hall and ceremonies, it represents a dignified powerful Brotherhood C.S.P.S. A Czech Roman Catholic Church is found in Verdigre under the countryman Priest, Father Jos. Vranek in Creighton. Honored county officials were most all elected after being nominated. In the whole state, yes, even in the Confederation, it is impossible to find occurrence even though a (man) officer holder in the county for sixteen years. This is Mr. Vaclav Randa, written up in full Czech History in this county.

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<u>Name and postoffice</u>	<u>Names of Settlers in County</u>			<u>Town</u>	<u>County</u>
	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Village</u>		
<u>Niobrara:</u>					
Vacl. Randa	Notary Public			Domazlice	Plzen
Max Randa	Mr. at home	320		Domazlice	Plzen
Karel Marsal	General Bus.			Krivoklat	Praha
Bed. Opcensky	General Bus.			Valterice	Jicin
V. Hvizdalek	Furniture Whse.	240		Mirovice	Pisek
Vac. Dvorak	Lumber Whse.			Nebužel	Praha
Jan F. Lenger	Innkeeper		From area of Jicin		
Jos. Vlastnik	Innkeeper		Jest	Lhota	Caslav
Vac. Vlastnik	With Inn		Jest	Lhota	Caslav
Jan Vlastnik	With Inn		Jest	Lhota	Caslav
Jiri Vlastnik	With Inn		Jest	Lhota	Caslav
Frant. Lundak	With Inn	160		Zebrač	Praha
Jan Kukral	Laborer		Do not know		
Vaclav Skala	Laborer			Myto	Praha
<u>Verdigree:</u>					
Jan Beran	General Bus.	240		Buzetice	Tabor
Vojt. Pavlik	General Bus.	320		Buzetice	Tabor
Vac. B. Tomek	Iron Works	360	Pisk.	Lhota	Caslav
Jos. Smid	Iron Works		Plzen		
Jos. Kalal	Hotel	240		Podbori	Tabor
Jos. Mastalir	Hotel	160		Skuhrov	Praha
Jos. Pavlik	Greenhouse	540		Bozetice	Tabor
Jan Pavlik	Greenhouse	400		Bozetice	Tabor
Alois Vlna	Greenhouse			Vovsirov	Tabor
Frant. Holan	Blacksmith	160		Prerov	Praha
Jan Noll	Shoemaker	160		Sadska	Caslav
Jan Bartak	Harnessmaker	265		Sostroun	Tabor
Jos. Parez	Harnessmaker	200		Petrovice	Tabor
Jos. Herout	Masonry			Bozetice	Tabor
Josef Souba	Carpenter		Do not know		
Ign. Pavelka	Laborer		Do not know		
<u>Creighton:</u>					
Jos. Horky	General Bus.			Dubeneč	Budejovice
Jos. Vranek	Roman Catholic Priest			Lzina	Tabor

<u>Name and postoffice</u>	<u>WESTERN PRECINCT</u>			<u>Place of Birth</u>	
	<u>Section</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Village</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>County</u>
<u>Pishelville:</u>					
Jos. Dryak	30,31	147	Luze	Vys. Myto	Chrudim
Mat. Hrbek	7,17,18	363	Podbori	Milevsko	Tabor
Frant. Tuch	17,20,29	339	Bukova	Krivoklat	Praha
Vaclav Hrcik	17,21	328	Voralna	Podebrady	Caslav
Karel Kovanda	17	120	Teresov	Zbirov	Praha
Fr. Simanek	16	240	Teresov	Zbirov	Praha
Mat. Knap	21,28	160	Vosek	Podebrady	Caslav
Jan Kounovsky	22,26,33,34	642	Sipy	Kralovice	Plzen
Jos. Brtek	23	160	Ovcary	Podebrady	Caslav
Ign. Marsal	25,26	160	Krivoklat		Praha
Emil Marsal	25	120	Krivoklat		Praha

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WESTERN PRECINCT (cont'd)					
<u>Name and postoffice</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Village</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	
				<u>Town</u>	<u>County</u>
Pishelville:					
Alois Marsal	25	120	Krivoklat		Praha
Jan Sedivy	25,36	213	Srdecnice	Dobris	Praha
	3,34,35	720	Holt County, Nebraska		
Em. Pisl	General Bus.				
	15,24,25,26	480		Kutna Hora	Caslav
Jos. Virt	2,26,27	560	Zrenec	Prestice	Plzen
Jan Barta	27,26,25	360	Rachovice	Ml. Voz.	Tabor
Fr. Vesely	27,28	200	Voralna	Podebrady	Caslav
Vaclav Minarik	29	160	Voralna	Podebrady	Caslav
Vaclav F. Minarik	29	160	Voralna	Podebrady	Caslav
Cenek Elis	30	160			
Fr. Tusa	30,31	160	Podbori	Milevsko	Tabor
Jan Srajer	5,32	200	Cista	Kralovice	Plzen
Emil Srajer	32	160	Senomaty	Rakov	Praha
Cenek Srajer	31	160	Senomaty	Rakov	Praha
Fr. Kukal	28,33	280	Jest. Lhota	Podebrady	Caslav
Vojt. Slechta	28,33	160	Sadska	Podebrady	Caslav
Martin Mudra	34	160	Klatovy		Plzen
Vacl. Dobrichovsky	2,3,10				
	34,35	640	Jest. Lhota	Podebrady	Caslav
Matej Krejcik	35	160			
Fr. Bren	2	Rent	Sir. Dul.	Policka	Chrudim
Jan Mlady	25,30,31,35	345	Veselicko	Milevsko	Tabor
Fr. Vonasek	3	160	Teresov	Zbirov	Praha
Jos. Blazek	3	40			
Blaz. Heinerich	3,4	200	Cista	Kralovice	Plzen
Vaclav Vesely	4,5,32	200	Jest. Lhota	Podebrady	Caslav
Jos. Jiskra	5	160	Mestecko	Krivoklat	Praha
Rajm. Srajer	5	160	Senomaty	Rakovnik	Praha
Fr. Cech	20	40			

SPARTA PRECINCT

Niobrara:					
Ant. Tichy	2	160	Jankov	Votice	Tabor
Vaclav Uhlir	10,3	240	Veltruhy	Kolin	Caslav
Vaclav Lyska	3	80	Samy	Podebrady	Caslav
Vojt. Tichy, Jr.	3,4	320	Jankov	Votice	Tabor
Voj. Tichy, Sr.	3,4,9,10	480	Jankov	Votice	Tabor
Jan Holecek	4	160	Bobnice	Podebrady	Caslav
Jan Benda	5	200	Borek	Melnik	Praha
Jos. Krupicka, Sr.	5,6	440	Libice	Podebrady	Caslav
Josefa Tichy (lady)	8	160	Jankov	Votice	Tabor
Josef Kalas	8	160	Drev. Hostine	Melnik	Praha
Fr. Vokner	8,9	320	Chvalovice	Podebrady	Caslav
Zuz. Krcnova (Krcma)	9	160	Domazlice		Plzen
Fr. Donat	9,10,15	520	Sadska	Podebrady	Caslav
Fr. Tichy	10,15	320	Jankov	Votice	Tabor
Fr. Skokan	11	160	St. Kolin	Kolin	Caslav
Fr. Lyska	11	160	Sany	Podebrady	Caslav

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Name and postoffice	SPARTA PRECINCT (cont'd)		Village	Place of Birth		County
	Section	Acres		Town	County	
Niobrara:						
Jos. Lyska	14	160	Sany	Podebrady	Caslav	
Jan Lyska	14	160	Sany	Podebrady	Caslav	
Vac. Lyska, Sr.	14	Exch.	Sany	Podebrady	Caslav	
Vacl. Palecek	15	160	Sany	Podebrady	Caslav	
Jos. Kalas, Sr.	17	160	Hostin	Melnik	Praha	
A. Houzvicova (lady) (Houzvicka)	17,18	160	Sadska	Podebrady	Caslav	
Ant. Houzvicka	30,19	240	Sadska	Podebrady	Caslav	
Ant. Sokol	21	320	Sadska	Podebrady	Caslav	
Verdigree:						
Vaclav Slechta	21	160	Sadska	Podebrady	Caslav	
Fr. Drobny	22,15		Sadska	Podebrady	Caslav	
Jos. Krupicka, Jr.	23	160	Libice	Podebrady	Caslav	
J.V. Holecek	14,23,24	160	C. Hura	Podebrady	Caslav	
Aug. Slechta	15,24	240	Sadska	Podebrady	Caslav	
Ant. Placek	24	40	Sadska	Podebrady	Caslav	
Fr. Drobny	26	160	Sadska	Podebrady	Caslav	
Vojt. Pavelka	27	160	St. Prachatice	Pr.	Pisek	
Flor. Pavelka	27,28	160	St. Prachatice	Pr.	Pisek	
Jan Vakoc	27,28,33	160	Sepekov	Milevsko	Tabor	
Fr. Holan, Sr.	28	240	Prerov	Brandys	Praha	
Vacl. Tomek	20	160	Pisk.Lhota	Podebrady	Caslav	
Jan Havlicek	29,30	320				
Jan Houzvicka	30,31	240	Sadska	Podebrady	Caslav	
Mat. Pavlik	32	440	Bozetice	Milevsko	Tabor	
Jos. Kalal	33	160	Podoly	Pisek	Pisek	
Fr. Pavelka	38	80	Chocen	Usti n Orl	Chrudim	
Jos. Vakoc	33	160	Sepekov	Milevsko	Tabor	
Jos. Martinek	34	80				
Vojt. Masat	34	160	Meckov	Prestice	Plzen	
SPARTA PRECINCT T. 61 R.5 West						
Jak. Merc	21	280	Nova Kdyne	Domazlice	Plzen	
Marie Zahora	21	120				
Ant. Kriz	21, 28	120	Sadska	Podebrady	Caslav	
Ant. Donat	22	160	Sadska	Podebrady	Caslav	
VERDIGREE PRECINCT						
Verdigree:						
Jan Kalal	3	160	Podbori	Milevsko	Tabor	
V. Stoural	3,4,9,10,15	560	St. Prachatice		Pisek	
Jan Tikalsky	4,5	320				
Vacl. Dusek	6	160	Bozetice	Milevsko	Tabor	
Jan Ondracek	1,6	200	Bozetice	Milevsko	Tabor	
Vojt. Hornik	1,7,12	160	Albertice	Vlt. Tyn	Budejovice	
Vacl. Mastalir	6,7	200	Skuhrov	Melnik	Praha	
Fr. Maly	1,8	320	Skrejchov	Tabor	Tabor	
Jan Markytan	7	160				
Fr. Souhrada	8,9	320				

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Verdigree Precinct (cont'd)					
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				<u>Town</u>	
Verdigree:					
Fr. Mlady	8,17	160	Skrejchov	Milevsko	Tabor
Fr. Kalal	9	160	Podbori	Milevsko	Tabor
Vacl. Jedlicka	9	240	Podoly	Pisek	Pisek
Fr. Fiser	3,10	160			
Tom. Stoural	11,12	320	St. Prachatice		Pisek
Luk. Bicek	18	160			
Tom. Tikalsky	19	80			
Mik. Kocina	19	80			

BOHEMIA PRECINCT

Armstrong:					
Jos. Vavak	20,21,30,31	320	Sadska	Podebrady	Caslav
Alois Juracek	20,21	160	Borovnik	Bytes	Brno
Vac. Motycka	26,27	200	Horka	Chrast	Chrudim
Fr. Smetana	27	320	Suchdol	Trebon	Budejovice
Jan Vytera	28	160	Pocepice	Selcany	Tabor
Vaclav Jelen	28	160	Velvary	Slany	Praha
T. Belsky	21,28	360	Pocepice	Selcany	Tabor
Jos. Janak	28,29	160	Sadska	Podebrady	Caslav
Ant. Janak	29	160	Sadska	Podebrady	Caslav
Jan Nykl	29	160	Vev. Bytyska	Tisn.	Brno
Fr. Nykl	29	Exch	Vev. Bytyska	Tisn	Brno
Jos. Nykl	33	160	Vev. Bytyska	Tisn	Brno
Fr. Marcan	28,33	160	Tvrzice	Strakonice	Pisek
Mat. Kripner	33	160	Zerovice	Prestice	Plzen
Jan. Marcan	33	Exch	Tvrzice	Strakonice	Pisek
Vaclav Prokop	34	120	Jiretice	Strakonice	Pisek
Jos. Kolar	34	240	Borovany	Bechyn	Tabor
Barb. Novotny	29	80	Nyhov	V. Bytys.	Jihlava

JEFFERSON PRECINCT

Verdigree:					
Fr. Peterka	1	120		Milevsko	Tabor
Vacl. Mrzena	1	160	Bozetice	Milevsko	Tabor
Jos. Divis	1,2	160	Obdenice	Selcany	Tabor
Jan Divis	2	160	Obdenice	Selcany	Tabor
Jan Peterka	2	80		Milevsko	Tabor
Ant. Kodek	3	160	Krecovice	Nevekl.	Tabor
Vacl. Nedorost	3,4	320	Temelin	Vl. Tyn	Budejovice
Jan Peterka	4	Rent		Milevsko	Tabor
Armstrong:					
Vac. Pavlik	35,5	340	Bozetice	Milevsko	Tabor
Jos. Chocholousek	5	Rent	Sestroun	Selcany	Tabor
Fr. Novacek	6	Rent	Kodakovice	Trebon	Budejovice
Verdigree:					
Vojt. Novacek	7	160	Kodakovice	Trebon	Budejovice
Adolf Svoboda	7	160	Lysov	Trebon	Budejovice
Fr. Jirak	10	160			
Jan Skalicky	10	160	Sestroun	Selcany	Tabor

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				<u>Town</u>	<u>County</u>
Verdigree:					
Anna Nedorost	10	160	Temelin	Vl. Tyn	Budejovice
Fr. Nedorost	3	160	Temelin	Vl. Tyn	Budejovice
Josef Prokop	12	280	Jiretice	Strakonice	Pisek
Fr. Slama	12	160	From Nove Mesto, Jihlava		
Fr. Novak	17	160			
Josef Somer	17	160	Podmokly	Zbirov	Praha
	30,31	80	Douglas Precinct, Saunders Co., Nebr.		
Mat. Jiracek	19	80	Kos. Hora	Selcany	Tabor
Jos. Kopejtko	19	Rent			

NIOBRARA PRECINCT

Niobrara:		
Matej Holan	27	160
Josef Moravec	26	160

EASTERN PRECINCT

Sweden:		
Fr. Kucera	9,10	160
Jos. Kucera	15	160

WALNUT GROVE PRECINCT

Middle Branch:		
Kar. Bradac	18	160
Vil. F. Bradac	18	160

WASHINGTON PRECINCT

Pishelville:					
Vacl. Dobrichovsky	10	160	Jest	Lhota	Kolin

Settlers that own land here but live elsewhere

Vaclav Srajer	20	160	(Western Prec.)	Chicago, Illinois
Emil Kacer	3,34	240	(Western Prec)	Chicago, Illinois
Josef Semin	32	160	(Bohemia Prec)	Bruno, Butler Co., Nebr.
Josef Jelinek	3	160	(Jefferson P)	Spencer, Boyd Co., Nebr.
Frant. Kalal	9	40	(Verdigree P)	Chicago, Illinois
Kaspar Stech	20	160	(Verdigree P)	Chicago, Illinois
Jakub Stech	29	40	(Verdigree P)	Chicago, Illinois
Josef Holan	7,8,17	320	(Verdigree P)	Omaha, Nebraska
Mat. Kecik	34	240	(Bohemia Pr)	Chicago, Illinois
Anna Zmotany	27,34	160	(Western Pr)	Oklahoma, Indian Territory