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Carl Hans Lody: WWI German Spy & Nebraska Immigrant

Join the Sarpy County Museum on Sunday, Sept 24th at 2 PM for this free program on a local WWI spy! Few Nebraskans know that one of the most famous spies of World War I lived in Omaha, Nebraska. Carl Hans Lody, a native German, met the daughter of Gottlieb Storz, millionaire founder of the Storz Brewery, during a luxury ocean cruise across the Atlantic. After a whirlwind courtship, they were married in a wedding that became the social event of 1913. After a domestic abuse scandal, Lody returned to Germany in 1914, and sought to restore his honor and reputation by volunteering to be a German spy operating in London. Posing as an American tourist, Lody sent back critical information about British Royal Navy operations to the Kaiser's intelligence services, including the outfitting of the Lusitania. Lody was soon caught and his trial in the British High Court became a media sensation in England, Germany...and Nebraska. Years after his execution in the Tower of London, the Nazis venerated Lody as a national hero through books and monuments. Tony Foreman has pieced together the biography of this enigmatic character from Germany to Nebraska to Britain and will share his unique story of romance and heartbreak, espionage and folly, and heroism and cruelty.

Tony Foreman is a native Nebraskan, History PhD Student at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, and advisee of Professor Gerald Steinacher. His research interests include modern German history, European immigration to America, the Holocaust, German military honor codes and espionage history. As a recipient of the Othmer Fellowship for Exceptional Scholars and the Christian Leiding Fellowship, Tony has conducted original research in German, British and Nebraskan archives. The case of German spy Carl Hans Lody will represent a chapter in his upcoming dissertation on the role of honor codes in military courtrooms.

About the Sarpy County Museum

The Sarpy County Museum, incorporated in 1953, is committed to protecting, preserving and promoting Sarpy County's rich history. It does this by hosting a variety of free programs, archiving local records and assisting with genealogy



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research. The museum is generously funded by Sarpy County and continues to rely on donations from members, volunteers and community supporters. The museum is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. For more information, contact the Sarpy County Museum, 402-292-1880 or museum@sarpycountymuseum.org.

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