

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
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OCTOBER 1980 NEWSLETTER

MEETINGS

Monthly on the third Monday at 7:00 P.M. in the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Indianola, Iowa.

DUES

Membership dues (including a monthly newsletter) are \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family. Dues are payable April 1 of each year.

NEXT MEETING

November 17, 1980 at 7:00 P.M. "Heraldry Helps and Pitfalls", by Doris Lawson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Executive Board met at 9:30 A.M. October 20, 1980 at the home of President Barbara Rasko.
 2. Motion was made for WCGS to purchase 1000 Family Group Sheets @21.00 from Everton Publishers, Logan, Utah. Motion seconded and carried.
 3. Motion made that WCGS, because of nature of interests, not belong or send a representative to the Indianola Council of Civic Agencies. Motion seconded and carried.
 4. There have been 343 copies of Warren County Cemetery book sold as of October 20, 1980.
 5. Iowa State Genealogical Society is calling for surname index cards to be submitted for Surnames Book Vol. IV. All cards already submitted for Vol. I, II, and III must be resubmitted for your information to appear in the upcoming Vol. IV. Be sure (1) to use your same Code number and (2) put your name and address on the back of every card you send.
 6. WCGS members plan to go to the Iowa State Genealogical Library as a group about once each month. We will not plan to go in December but will go November 13. (Thursday) DO JOIN US!!
 7. Iowa State Genealogical Annual Meeting will be on November 7 and 8 in Scheman Bldg, Ames, Iowa. Friday Lectures: (a) Germanic Research and Migration, Immigration and Passenger Lists, by Milton Rubincam. There will be a choice of four workshops. (b) After dinner: Pennsylvania Research, by Milton Rubincam. Saturday Lectures: (1) English Court Vital and Probate Records, and (2) Research In the British Isles Through Correspondence, by V. Ben Bloxham.
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FALL WORKSHOP

Our second annual WCGS Workshop on Genealogy was held Thursday October 23 and Monday October 27 at 7:00 P.M. Barbara Rasko and Ruth Hall presented the elements of beginning genealogical research and recording during the first session. The second session gave participants actual practice in locating and recording on family worksheets, ancestral charts, and progress charts of work done. Experience in reading legal land descriptions, probate and land record vocabulary and early handwriting were provided at the second session. Members of the WCGS worked on a one-to-one basis with the enrollers. (The second session was postponed until November 3 because of the early winter snowstorm.)

NEW MEMBER

Please add Charlotte Hardin, Rural Route 4, Indianola, Iowa to the WCGS membership list in your yearbook. This brings our total membership as of October 1980 to 42 members.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

~~Wallace~~ Cemetery was somehow omitted from the index in the cemetery book. Would one of our members be able to take some time to index this cemetery? Contact Barb Rasko.

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IMPORTANT WARREN COUNTY HISTORICAL FACTS

From Lacey's Chronology

The following dates are helpful (almost necessary) for a genealogist's correct perspective of Warren County in searching, eliminating or using information found.

May 1, 1843

By this date all Indians moved west of a line drawn north and south through the Red Rock Bluff area on the Des Moines river. (Seven miles north of Knoxville)

October 11, 1845 (Midnight)

Indian title to land expired and the territory was opened for settlement. Many settlers moved into the darkness with torches, wagons, horses and on foot to claim land at \$1.25 per acre.

Spring 1846

The first Mormons were driven from Illinois and began crossing southern Iowa. This migration lasted for more than 10 years as thousands crossed southern Iowa pulling hand carts and heading for Salt Lake City, Utah.

December 28, 1846

Iowa became the 29th state of the U.S.A.

January 1, 1849

Warren County was formally organized and census was taken showing a total population of 153 men, women and children.

Summer 1849

The location of the County seat was decided and named Indianola.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR YOU!

It's that time again and when you are asked, "What do you want for Christmas?"

Be ready with:

1. "Handy Book for Genealogists" 7th Edition
 Price: PaperCover \$14.95 Order No.E2
 Hardcover \$15.95 Order No.E1

Information and addresses of every county office in every state of U.S.

Order From:

Everton Publishers Inc.
P.O. Box 368
Logan, Utah 84321

2. Gift subscription to you of "The Genealogical Helper" magazine

Price: 1 yr. \$14.50 by check to
Everton Publishers Inc.
P.O. Box 368
Logan, Utah 84321

HELP WANTED

Volunteers are needed to copy vital records at the local courthouse. Also needed are people to proof the material after it is copied. Can you help? Please contact Louise Pilmer at 961-4805 to find out where to start copying births. The birth records are being copied on index cards in this manner:

Number of Birth Record

Surname of Child

Birth Date

Father's Name

Father's Birth Place

Mother's Name

Mother's Birth Place

Doctor

Given Name Sex

Place of Birth

Occupation

Age

Maiden Name

Age

Order of Birth

THOSE PRECIOUS OLD WARREN COUNTY NEWSPAPERS

In each WCGS Newsletter, your editor has been skimming a certain year of the County papers. This issue draws on the year 1910 and lists the obituaries published during that year. Someone may find them helpful.

*Note: Indianola Record IR
Advocate Tribune AT
Obits January through June
(July - December will come in next newsletter)

Dates indicate issue of newspaper and not death dates.

1910

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| Jan. 6 AT-John W. Crawford | Mar. 24 AT-Edythe Helen Trevitt Gaskill |
| Jan. 13 AT-Jonah Shreve | Mar. 24 AT-Sarah Whitley Perley(Mrs. A.C) |
| Jan. 13 AT-Sidney Wright Jury(Mr. Fnos) | Mar. 24 IR-Col. P. Gad Bryan |
| Jan. 13 IR-Joseph D. Shaffer | Mar. 30 IR-Mrs. Minnie Alice Trent |
| Jan. 27 AT-Carrie M. Beymer | Mar. 30 IR-Mrs. Mary Ann Sanderson Lord |
| Jan. 27 IR-Mrs. Hulda Price
(Mother of Clint Price) | Mar. 31 AT-Alfred Lynn McNatton |
| | Mar. 31 AT-Mrs. Nancy B. McIntosh |
| Feb. 3 IR-Levi Bishop | Apr. 7 AT-Orson Rex Judkins |
| Feb. 10 AT-Thompson Park | Apr. 7 IR-Mrs. Belle Hastie White |
| Feb. 17 AT-Joseph Blake | Apr. 14 IR & AT-Clifton S. McLaughlin |
| Feb. 17 AT-Mrs. Abigail Thorn Clark | Apr. 28 IR-Lora Allen Cheney |
| Feb. 17 IR-Mrs. Lavina Cheshire | Apr. 28 IR-R. A. Wolcott |
| Feb. 17 IR-Frank Sprague | Apr. 28 IR-David Bramhall |
| Feb. 17 IR-Rev. James D. Graham
(Scotch Ridge) | Apr. 28 IR-Henry Long |
| Feb. 24 AT-Mrs. Lavina Ann Lamb Spencer | May 5 AT-Mrs Robert Williams |
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| Mar. 3 AT-Mary Frances Hitt Hypes | May 5 AT-Mrs. Rachel Viers Brown |
| Mar. 3 AT-Margaret A. Renfro | May 5 AT-R. A. Wolcott |
| Mar. 3 AT-Orma Frances Owen | May 12 IR-Lyman E. Pritchard |
| Mar. 10 AT-Della Belle Chase
Kirkpatrick | May 12 IR-John William Hewitt |
| Mar. 10 AT-Lewis C. Davis | May 19 IR-Isabella Anderson Hamilton
(Mrs. Wm. E.) |
| Mar. 10 AT-Lena Schulat Spieker | |
| Mar. 17 IR & AT-T. M. Darnell | June 16 IR-Malisna H. Owen Smith |
| Mar. 24 AT-Robert Cleland | June 30 IR-James W. McGee |
| Mar. 24 AT-Nettie Ellen Long Sandy
(Continued Next Month) | June 30 AT-Anna Field Evans |

SEARCHING AND QUERIES

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- Mrs. Dale E. Birdsell, Jewell, Kans. 66949 is researching the BRADEN family of Warren County Iowa.
- Mrs. Janace D. Cole (Mrs. Wm. A.) 31862 Paseo Cielo, San Juan Capistrano, Ca. 92675 has boxes of old photos of many Summerset individuals and families and other Warren Co. people. These photos belonged to her grandmother, Mary Jane Wilson Witherell, B. 1884, Summerset, Iowa. Many of the photos are without names. She would like help labelling them. Some are named including: Maude Turnipseed and 8 other people at Turnipseed home (Ca-1900plus), Cindy Martin, Willie Brown, Maude Sandy, Grace Boyer, Emma Sandy, Lawn Miller, Ernie Brennen, Dan MaLanding, Fred A. Wyman. Do you know any of above people?
- Mrs. Martha Rabatin, 3637 Teakwood NE, North Canton, Oh. 44721 desires information on the LUDINGTON family - especially from any living descendants of the Ludington family.

RESEARCHING IN IOWA COURTHOUSES

This is a partial list of County Offices found in Iowa Courthouses, and the possible holdings of each office

COUNTY ENGINEER

This should be your first stop in a Courthouse to get a map of the county to use while researching in the other offices.

CLERK OF COURT

- Birth records from 1880 to present
- Death records from 1880 to present
- Marriage records from the beginning of the county to present
- Delayed birth records
- Divorce records
- Change of name records
- Citizenship or Naturalization records
- Guardianship records
- Wills and Probate records that may include the following:
 - Inventory of the estate including real and personal property
 - List of heirs
 - Bill of sale
 - Miscellaneous receipts
 - Final report

COUNTY RECORDER

- Original survey notes of the county
- Original entry books or Tract books
- Cemetery Deeds
- Records of Brands
- Farm names
- Veterans' Discharges
- Power of Attorney
- Possible early adoption records (before 1900)
- Land records that include:
 - Deeds - indexed in Grantor and Grantee indexes
 - Contracts for land
 - Mortgage records
 - Mortgage release records

COUNTY TREASURER

- Tax records for:
 - Real Estate
 - Personal Property
 - Car License
 - Dog Tax
 - Early Poll Tax Records

COUNTY AUDITOR

- Land records by description of land only
- Transfer book listing change of title to land
- Institutional Care Book listing inmates with information about them

VETERANS AFFAIRS - Information concerning veterans of the county

Miscellaneous Records: As you work in each office, look for unusual records that may help you. Typical of these would be licenses for ministers, doctors, and midwives, civil and criminal court cases.

PLACES AND ADDRESSES FOR YOUR RESEARCH

IOWA DEPT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

State Capitol
: Bill Sharpe
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

The records center is located at Camp Dodge and is open 8-4:30 Mon. thru Fri. Visitors and correspondence welcome. Includes Graves Registration of all known Veterans buried in Iowa and Military Service records of Iowans since mid 1800's. Records are free.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Records Division
State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Original records of land purchased from the State of Iowa are at this office. You must have the complete land description - section township - range - county.

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

The Century Farm project was begun in 1976 to honor those families whose farm had been in the family continuously for 100 years or more and is an on going project.

IOWA LAW LIBRARY

Capitol Building
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

The Law Library has the Decennial Edition of the American Digest Vol 21-25 which is the complete index to the court cases in America from 1858 to 1906.

THORVALD HANSEN

Grandview College
Des Moines, Iowa 50316

Mr. Hansen has published an article entitled "Tracing your Danish Ancestors" and may be able to help you with your Danish Research.

PENN COLLEGE

Boosa, Iowa 52577

Depository for Quaker records in Iowa.

SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

4 Winslow Street
Plymouth, Mass. 02560

Mayflower Society headquarters. They have published Vol. I and II on Mayflower families through five generations.

NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY

1307 New Hampshire Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20036

Headquarters of the Huguenot Society in America. In 1975 they published a directory of proven Huguenot ancestors.

DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION

1776 D Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20006

Application papers of a member who descends from a Rev. Was soldier may be ordered for \$2.00. These will give the lineage from the DAR member back to the Rev. Soldier plus his service record.

SONS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION

2412 Massachusetts Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20008

Their holdings include the proven records of Revolutionary Was Soldiers and the male descendants.

DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS

503 South Walnut
Springfield, Illinois 62704

Headquarters of the DUV. Many chapters in Iowa.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS

Chester S. Shriver National Sec-Tres. Union Veterans. Many chapters in Iowa.
Box 24
Gettysburg, Penn. 17325

Write to this address for information on

BRITISH INFORMATION SERVICES
82.5 Third Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10022

Researching England, Ireland or Scotland?
Request a copy of News Bulletin RL-71, "Notes
on Genealogical Research in the United
Kingdom."

FRIENDS UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
2100 University
Wichita, Kansas 67213

For Quaker-Society of Friends information

FRIENDS HISTORICAL LIBRARY
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania 19031

For Quaker-Society of Friends Information

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI
Columbus, Missouri 65201

Has good newspaper holdings which are on
interlibrary loan. When inquiring for the
brochure of their materials, send large SASE.

NORWEGIAN AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOC.
St. Olaf College
Northfield, Minn. 55057

Collects materials relating to Norwegian-
Americans and the migration to America.

LUTHER COLLEGE LIBRARY
Decorah, Iowa 52101

Excellent collection of Norwegian-American
newspapers on microfilm. For a few dollars,
staff will try to locate and photocopy a
specific obituary. Send date of death.

MR. ED PRICE
Bureau of Land Records
Dept. of Community Affairs
Harrisburg, Pa. 17120

For Pennsylvania colored genealogical map
of the counties, showing dates of organization
Free with SASE.

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
OF MICHIGAN
c/o Burton Historical Collection
5201 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48202

Information on Polish Ancestors

ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE
Centennial Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Counties of Illinois: Their Origin and
Evolution, 65pps. Free. Also, A Guide to
Record Holdings, Illinois State Archives,
45pps. Free.

IOWA STATE DEPT. OF HEALTH
Vital Records Section
Lucas State Office Building
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Statewide indexes, which cover all of Iowa,
Births. July 1, 1880
Marriage July 1, 1916
Deaths. January 1891
No birth, marriage or death records before
July 1, 1880. Marriage records before that
date may be obtained from the county in which
the event occurred. Parentage is not listed
on any death record until July, 1904. There
is a fee of \$2.00 for search.