

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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OCTOBER 1981 NEWSLETTER

MEETINGS

Third Monday at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Next meeting: November 16, 1981: "A PIONEER WELSH CHURCH", by Ruth Ann Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1 The Iowa State Annual Conference will be held October 30-31, 1981 at the Sheman Building, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa. Keynote speakers on "NEW ENGLAND RESEARCH" and "SCOTLAND AND IRELAND RESEARCH" were given in your September newsletter. Barb will be attending Friday, 9:00 through 4:00 p.m. Remember the exhibits, lectures and contacts are excellent. GO!!!
- 2 We are pleased to announce that we now have a membership of 52! Four new members joined after the workshop and more may join later.

INSPIRATION TO W.C.G.S. FROM STATE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN!

Boots Woodin (Mrs. Ron), Iowa State Genealogical District Chairman met with the Warren County chapter on September 21, 1981. Mrs. Woodin presented several suggestions for an efficient operation of a chapter and its communication with the State Genealogical Society. The following are some highlights of her talk:

1 CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE:

A chapter representative should be appointed or elected by each chapter to correspond with the District Representative and to act as a liaison.

2 YEARBOOK:

a. A copy should be forwarded at the beginning of the chapter year to the State Genealogical District Chairman.

b. It should list the current officers, annual and monthly programs, time and place of meetings, annual dues and membership list.

3 PROBLEMS BETWEEN LOCAL CHAPTERS & IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY:

a. Negligence to communicate anything.

b. Use of 'wrong line' of communication and the word gets lost.

4 GENERAL SUGGESTIONS:

a. All chapters should have a permanent Post Office Box./

b. All chapters should begin year in the fall to coincide with the State Society's year.

5 CHAPTER MEETINGS:

a. Invite Senior Citizens to a meeting.

b. Have Senior Citizens help on projects (i.e. taped recordings, collection and writing of old county historical facts, incidents, etc.

c. Have history teachers participate in local chapter programs.

d. Have high school photography class assist local chapter in gathering visual aids for projects.

e. Send newsletters to every town, college, library, etc. in county.

f. Have legislators visit the chapter.

g. Have ministers talk to chapter.

h. Have a guest night for neighboring chapters and/or for people of the community.

- i. Answer local chapter meeting roll call with bits of information about places, reference books, reference persons, etc.
- j. Have a show and tell period at chapter meetings.

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 KNOW YOUR HISTORY!

It was not until 1836 that any of the public lands of Iowa country were surveyed and it was not until two years later that any were offered for sale. Even then, Warren County was not opened until 1846. All lands were sold at government price of \$1.25 per acre. That price had to be paid in cash.

"THE RED ROCK LINE"

Genealogists need to know early pioneer settlement patterns, locations and dates. A granite stone on the Knoxville, Iowa Court House square commemorates the establishment of a line by a treaty of 1842 between the U. S. government and the Fox and Sac Indian tribes. The inscription reads:

"As white men advanced their habitations across Iowa, they were retarded from 1842 to 1846 at the Red Rock Line of Marion County, fixed by the Indian Treaty of 1842.

This line was established and marked by Geo. W. Harrison in 1842 by beginning at the Red Rock on the Des Moines River running south to Missouri State boundary, passing near the Graceland Cemetery west from this stone 530 rods."

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 President Lincoln, whose wife was Mary Todd, was visiting with a genealogist who said, "I'm hunting all the Todhunter families". President Lincoln smiled and said, "Sir, I have much in common with you for I was once a Todd hunter myself".

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 "A people that take no pride in noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote generations." Thomas B. Macaulay