

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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JUNE 1981 NEWSLETTER

MEETINGS

Monthly, third Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Trinity Presbyterian Church.

NEXT MEETING

July 20, 1981. Come! Cool drinks! Clipping and pasting! And more!
August 1981--no meeting and no newsletter. Vacation!!!

From Indianola Record, December 25, 1895: EARLY FACTORIES AT PALMYRA, IOWA. Fenton's Tile Factory at Palmyra was the last of Palmyra's five manufacturing enterprises to go. Before and during the Civil War, Palmyra had the largest woolen factory in central Iowa, which had a large business that run day and night furnishing work for many hands. Many sheep grazed on surrounding hillsides and tinkling bells was a mark of the area. After the Civil War under the high protective tariff the factory was forced to close. Before the War Palmyra had a grist mill where farmers converted wheat and corn into flour. The mill burned and was never replaced. Before the War Palmyra also had two wagon shops where wagons and buggies were made. Since the War two pottery shops were in operation.

FAMILY REUNIONS

If any branch of your family has a family reunion this summer or fall we want to record information (date, place, time, number who attended, etc., etc.) in our newsletter next fall. Send information to Louise Pilmer, 210 W. Girard, Indianola, Iowa 50125

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

- 1 To serve as attendants at the Iowa Gen. Library on July 11th.
- 2 To help man the booth at the county fair, August 2 to 5.
- 3 To copy birth records at the courthouse, or to proofread those which have been copied.

We are indebted to the Southwest Nebraska Genealogical Society's May & June Newsletter, ANCESTORS UNLIMITED for the following items:

DO'S AND DON'TS FOR RESEARCHING AT COURTHOUSES

- 1 Don't go at closing time.
- 2 Do be polite and patient.
- 3 Do be careful of the records you are handling.
- 4 Do take paper and pencil so you can take notes.
- 5 Do make a list of the items you want photocopied.
- 6 Do ask the person in charge, "Is this convenient for you?"
- 7 Do find out the cost of photocopying. This varies from state to state.
- 8 Don't write or mark on the records.

Remember that it is a privilege to research and handle these old documents. Treat them with extreme care.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The United States flag has changed 26 times since 1777 - each time a new state joined the Union. But since 1818 the only change has been the adding of new stars. The basic design stays the same. So the American flag is one of the oldest flag designs still in use.

More from ANCESTORS UNLIMITED:

AMERICAN WARS

Have you checked all these for your ancestors?

- 1689-97 King William's War
- 1755-63 French & Indian War (7 Years' War - Europe)
- 1775-81 Revolutionary War
- 1812 War of 1812
- 1845-47 War with Mexico
- 1861-65 Civil War
- 1898 Spanish American War
- 1917-18 World War I
- 1940-45 World War II
- 1950-53 Korean War
- 1961-73 Vietnamese Conflict

(There were also countless Indian skirmishes)

DO YOU NEED HELP OR ASSISTANCE in doing your genealogy research in southwest Nebraska? I will do private or classroom instruction. Contact Robert Ray, 1008 East 2nd, McCook, NE 69001

IOWA MILITARY RECORDS: Civil War

1 County Histories - each of Iowa's 99 counties has at least one Civil War soldiers and their units. Nearly all contain lists of

2 CENTENNIAL PUBLICATIONS: Many towns and counties have published one-hundred-year-observance booklets that list soldiers.

3 ROSTER AND RECORD OF IOWA SOLDIERS IN THE WAR OF THE REBELLION: 6 volumes, Des Moines, Iowa, 1908-1911 G.A.R. Post Records.

4 LIST OF EX-SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES LIVING IN IOWA, William I. Alexander, comp., Des Moines, 1886. Includes not only soldiers of Iowa but also those who served from other states residing in the state in 1885. Includes War of 1812, Mexican War and Civil War. Arranged by military unit. Gives P.O. address. In both Historical Library and Census Department.

5 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC (G.A.R.) CARD INDEX FILE, Census Dep't., Historical Building, Des Moines. State-wide index. Cards include information on unit designation, birth, death and marriage not only for the veteran but often for his wife, children and even parents. All Union soldiers eligible and a high percentage of them joined the G.A.R.

6 LIST OF PENSIONERS ON THE ROLL - January 1, 1883. 4 volumes, reprint, Baltimore Genealogical Publishing Company, giving the name of each pensioner, the cause for which pensioned, the post-office address, the rate of pension per month and the date of original allowance. In Archives Storage, E. 7th & Court - public may use.

- 7 W.P.A. GRAVES RECORDS, a collection of the Historical Library, Historical Building, Des Moines. Many gravestone inscriptions denote Civil War service. Complete death dates may lead to newspaper obituaries. (1935, W.P.A. canvassed cemeteries)
- 8 VETERANS GRAVE REGISTRATION, attn.: Wallace Baker, P.O. Box 616, Des Moines, Iowa 50303
- 9 1895-1915 CENSUSES OF IOWA, Historical Library, Historical Building Des Moines. In Statistical Census, Historical Library. Lists unit soldiers served in during Civil War. Useful in determining not only the units for Iowa men but for other states as well.
- 10 ENLISTMENT PAPERS, Historical Building, Des Moines. Personal descriptions of Iowa enlistees. Placed in Archives Storage, East 7th and Court. Public may use.
- 11 PENSION PAPERS. Use GSA Form 6751, and mail to Military Service Records (MNCC), National Archives (GSA), Washington, D.C. 20408. Papers include information relating to the birth, marriage, and death of a veteran, his wife and children, residences, and often much, much more.
- 12 MILITIA ROLLS, Census Dep't., Historical Building, Des Moines. Useful in determining residence in off census years. For all counties, 1862-1911. Enrollees arranged alphabetically by townships.
- 13 ANNALS OF IOWA and IOWA JOURNAL OF HISTORY, the former published continuously since 1895, the latter from 1903-1962. Indexed. Each publication is rich in diaries, journals, letters and reminiscences of Iowans which include many references to war service. Historical Building.
- 14 IOWA IN THE CIVIL WAR: A reference Guide, Iowa Journal of History, 59:129-172, April 1961. Most useful to genealogists in description of regimental histories and regimental reunion publications. Historical Library.
- 15 TWO HELPING AIDS: Colket and Bridgers, Guide to Genealogical Records in the National Archives, The National Archives and Records Service, (G.S.A.) Washington, D.C., 1964. Sup't. of Documents, 65¢

E. Kay Kirkham, Some of the Military Records of America and Their Genealogical Value, Deseret Book Company, 44 East South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. In Iowa Genealogical Library, 6000 Douglas, Des Moines.

 THE STATE ARCHIVES OF IOWA, located on the 4th floor of the Records & Property Center, E. 7th & Court Ave., Des Moines is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. They now have the Secretary of State Land Office Records, 1800-1890. This includes correspondence, reports, abstracts, field notes, plats, maps, etc. relative to land sales and surveys. Researchers are welcome.