

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
504 North Buxton, Apt. 7
Indianola, Iowa 50125

MARCH 1982 NEWSLETTER

MEETINGS: Monthly, 3rd Monday, 7:00 p.m., Trinity Presbyterian Church
DUES: \$5.00 per person; \$7.50 per family, payable April 1 each year.
NEXT MEETING: April 19, 1982. The program includes "Trails West
Through Southern Iowa", by Barbara Rasko

GOOD TOURS COMING UP!

- I. To: Washington, D.C., National Archives, DAR Library
From: Chariton, Iowa by bus. Depart 7:00 a.m.
Date: June 12 through June 20
Price: \$435., includes bus fare to Washington and while there,
baggage handling, 8 nights at motels and trip to Williamsburg.
Registration: Pay \$217.50 when you register. Registrations and
fee completed by May 1, 1982.
- II. To: Salt Lake City, Utah
From: Des Moines by plane
Date: May 3 through May 7
Price: Includes air fare, motel and 1 dinner.
\$390.00 single occupancy
\$341.00 double occupancy
\$323.00 triple occupancy
\$320.00 quadruple occupancy
Registration: Pay \$260.00 by April 15
Johnny's House of Travel
906 42nd Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50312
Phone: 274-3806 days; 225-8851 eve., Margaret Thomas
Location of Motel, within 1 block walking distance of Temple Square
and L.D.S. Library.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1 Our president, Barbara Rasko recently gave a talk on genealogy to Mrs. Dickey's fourth graders.
- 2 A new member of Warren County Genealogical Society is:
Betty N. Soper
P.O. Box 627
Platte City, Missouri 64079
- 3 "THE RICHARDS FAMILY NEWSLETTER" was received recently by Louise Pilmer, 210 W. Girard, Indianola, IA 50125. Contact her if interested.
- 4 The new Region Representative for Region 5 is Donna Golightly, Route 1, Box 52, Dexter, Iowa 50070.
- 5 Madison County Genealogical Society will sponsor classes in genealogy April 24 and May 1, 9:30 to 3:30 p.m., instructors from the Iowa Genealogical Society Adult Education Committee. Interested persons contact Mary Ann Banks, Route 1, Box 308, Winterset 50273
Pat Kuhns, 116 S. 4th Ave., Winterset 50273
Dorothy Meader, Peru, IA 50222
Donna Golightly, Route 1, Box 52, Dexter, IA 50070

To those who have bought CEMETERY AND DEATH RECORDS OF WARREN COUNTY, IOWA, we now have corrections printed and are including them with your newsletter.

INFORMATION:

1 "Orphan Trains", see pages 7 & 8, 1981 Genealogical Helper (Nov-Dec)
During the years of 1853-1929, the New York Children's Aid Society relocated youngsters from the streets of New York City to at least twenty states by sending them out through the country in the so-called "Orphan Trains".

2 Early Warren County School information from Indianola Newspapers:

YEAR	SCHOOL	TEACHER
1892	Linn Grove	Eva Black
"	Burgess	Ester Frazier
"	Palmyra	Mr. & Mrs. Bell
"	Cool	J. H. Moore
"	West Liberty	Mr. Anderson
1910	Union	Mabel Hughes
"	Hoosier Row	Blanche Benson
"	Switzer	burned down
"	Peck	Jennie Barnell
"	Hughes	Anna Wood
"	Primrose	R. T. McGaughey
"	Dover	J. E. Prather
"	Medora	Huldah Smith

3 INDIANOLA JAMES WHITCOMB WILEY Guest List, September 1904:

NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	BIRTH DATE
Mrs. Lydia Moon	79	Highland Co., Ohio	1825
Mrs. Elias Newland	--	-----	----
Mr. Elias Newland	82	Springfield, Ohio	1822
Mrs. Styles	90	Maryland	1814
Mrs. Ellen Dyke	78	England	1824
Mrs. Eliza Brown	84	Pennsylvania	1820
Mr. Robert Zarley	80	Pennsylvania	1824
Mr. J. H. Hirsch	94	-----	1810
Col. P. P. Henderson	79	Indiana	1825
Mr. John Ribble	83	Virginia	1821
Mr. Otey James	91	Virginia	1813
Mrs. Lydia Coles	78	Ohio	1826
Mr. Laubach	79	Columbus, Ohio	1825
Mr. J. B. Gifford	80	Indiana	1824
Mr. J. H. Ferrine	84	Ohio	1820
Mr. Wm. Peck	80	Kentucky	1824
Mr. W. F. Wells	82	Ohio	1822
Mr. T. H. Tucker	84	Virginia	1820
Mr. John Dyke	81	England	1823
Mr. D. F. Davis	87	West Virginia	1817
Mr. John M. Irwin	85	Kentucky	1819
Mrs. Anna Chrissinger	82	Pennsylvania	1822
Mrs. John Ribble	78	"	1826
Mrs. Hannah Spear	83	Pittsburgh, Pa.	1821
Mr. Jape Dodds	81	Ohio	1823
Mrs. Smeathe	81	Pennsylvania	1823
Mr. J. M. Young	84	England	1820
Mrs. _____ Baugh	90	Indiana	1814

4 WHERE WAS CANADA WEST?

On a map printed on the cover of my new 7th Edition of the Handy Book for Genealogists I have finally located Canada West. This area covers approximately the area of the present Canadian province of Ontario. One of my ancestors arrived at Quebec, came down the

St. Lawrence to "Canada West" (according to old letters, thence to Pennsylvania. Perhaps you too have been misled by the term, Canada "West", supposing it to be much farther west. That was far west in early 1800!

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Molly Bowlin gave an interesting program on this subject at our January meeting and the following is an attempt to share some of it with you:

Most surnames were derived in one or another of the following ways:

- 1 From a man's place of residence, present or past, or a landscape feature (place names)
- 2 From his occupation or office (occupational)
- 3 From his father's name (patronymical)
- 4 From a description or action (nicknames)

PLACE NAMES: Every feature of the landscape had a name, and a person living near this feature was often identified by this name. The name was often preceded by a preposition to form the names: Atwell, Underhill, Overstreet, or Upshaw.

A variety of names meaning hill are Berry, Downing, Downs, Heap, Howland, Knowland, Penn. Pointed hill: Peak, Peck, Pike, Knapp. German hill names are: Basler, Beuhler, Buhl, Knorr, Piehl, Spitzer. In France, Depew or Dumont. Irish, Bryant. Clinton lived in the hill enclosure.

Variations of names meaning stream are Burns, Brooks, Bourne, Beck in England and Bach, Bachman, and Zuber in Germany; Spanish--Rivera and Arroyo; Strom in Sweden.

German names meaning near the wood are Forst, Holtz and Wald. Old English leah was used in connection with woods, and the names Ashley, Bently, Farley, Oakley were formed.

Garfield, Longley, Maitland, Mead, Meadows, Pray, Winn, Camp and Blair refer to the person living in or near the grassyfield.

Some common English place elements are -ham, -thorp, -wic, -worth, -hope, -ley, -ton and -shire.

Some common German locality terms are -au (wet marshland), -bach (brook), -baum (tree), -berg (mountain), -bruck (bridge, -burg (castle), -dorf (village), -hain (hedge), -heim (home), -hof (manor), -horst (wood), -reut (clearing, -stadt (city), -stein (stone), -thal (vailey), and -wald (wood).

OCCUPATIONAL NAMES:

Most of the occupations and professions reflected in today's surnames are those known in the small villages of Europe during the Middle Ages. Some forms of the common occupational name, "Miller" are: Milner, Millward, and Milard. In Germany: Moller, Mueller, Moller, or Muller. In France: Moulin, Moulinier, or Molyneaux. Farina or Molinau in Italy. The Dutch form was Mulder.

The English Millman was the miller's servant. Mann or Man is the general Germanic term for vassal, or human being, and is frequently found as a termination in German and English surnames, meaning servant or follower.

(To be continued next month.)