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Special thanks are due the hard working SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE for the very attractive Fair booth, and to the many members who helped tend it. And thanks also to Barb, Charlotte and Mollie for helping at the IGS booth at the State Fair!

HELP OTHERS TO FIND YOU. Mollie is asking that all members of our society submit to her, by or before the October meeting, an updated list of the SURNAMES you are working on. Don't forget to submit also a pedigree chart, or to update your old chart with all new-found information which you may have. Only this way can others in our organization, or those who inquire of us, FIND YOU.

From the May-June 1982 Southwest Nebraska Genealogical Society's newsletter:

EVER WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MAYFLOWER? After carrying the Pilgrims to America, the Mayflower made a second voyage carrying slaves to the new world, then disappeared for over three centuries. Generations of residents of Jordons, England have believed, however, that a barn owned by the Society of Friends was built from the Mayflower. Researchers investigating this tradition have been amazed to find this little barn was indeed the ship that helped found a nation.

A bill of sale dated 1625 verified the sale of the Mayflower for salvage to a Buckinghamshire farmer named William Russell. At the current rate of exchange he paid \$384.00 for the hull of the ship which was erected upside down on a foundation. She has served her unsung occupants as well as she served the Pilgrims. (Source, Tri-State Trader via the Charlotte County Gen. Soc. of Charlotte FL.)

GERMAN RESEARCH AIDS (from the Nevada State Ge. Soc. of Reno, NV, via the S.W. Nebraska Gen. Soc. Newsletter).

1 ADDRESS BOOK FOR GERMANIC GENEALOGY, 1980, price \$6.66. Over 1000 addresses of European genealogical societies, archives, libraries, publishers, genealogists, and more (mostly from Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Alsace-Lorraine, and former German areas.) Order direct from the author: Thode Translations, Route 7, Box 306, Kern Road, Marietta, Ohio 45750. Ernest Thode is also the source for German section maps. A scholar, versed in old and new German manuscripts, Thode is the person to contact for correspondence and translations.
2 Available from the author, Arta F. Johnson, 153 Aldrich Road, Columbus, Ohio 43214 are two small books, useful if you have German ancestry but no knowledge of the German language: A GUIDE TO THE SPELLING & PRONUNCIATION OF GERMAN NAMES, 1981, \$7.50 postpaid, is a beginner's aid to identifying anglicized, garbled and misspelled German names and place names. HOW TO READ GERMAN CHURCH RECORDS WITHOUT KNOWING MUCH GERMAN, 1980, \$5.50 postpaid, is a help for reading the microfilmed original German script records. Included are the patterns in which records are kept, plus examples & vocabularies.

We hope the items we have been using in regard to German research will prove helpful to some of you. We are including the last of the German immigrant's diary in this issue. It gives all of us a better understanding of the reasons so many Germans left their homeland.

We exchange newsletters with other genealogical societies, six in Iowa, two in Nebraska, one in Missouri and in Washington. As a way of letting members of these societies, as well as our own members, know the surnames we are researching, we are starting to publish names as taken from our members' ancestor charts. Below are the names submitted by Louise Pilmer for herself and her late husband. Her address is 210 West Girard, Indianola, Iowa 50125.

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| 1 Louise Pilmer | 26 Elias Smith |
| 2 William Minor Richards | 27 Anna Reynolds |
| 3 Anna Belle McElroy | 28 John Black |
| 4 William Minor Richards | 30 John Palmer |
| 5 Henrietta Kincaid Gordon | 31 Margaret Blair |
| 6 William Reynolds McElroy | |
| 7 Janet Black | 1 Harold Eugene Pilmer |
| 8 Samuel J. Richards | 2 David William Pilmer |
| 9 Sarah Winn | 3 Nell Black |
| 10 Samuel Silver Gordon | 4 Robert Pilmer |
| 11 Octavia B. Kincaid | 5 Roxie Olive Cherry |
| 12 Robert McElroy | 6 Peter Black |
| 13 Sarah Elizabeth Smith | 7 Elizabeth Perkins |
| 14 James Black | 8 David Pilmer |
| 15 Margaret Palmer | 9 Margaret Dixon |
| 16 William Richards | 10 Peter Francis Cherry |
| 17 Ann Rose | 11 Charlotte Nesselroad |
| 18 Richard Winn | 12 Benoni Black |
| 19 Elizabeth Mossman | 13 Mary (?Blosser) |
| 20 Moses Gordon | 16 John Palmer |
| 21 Sarah Silver | 17 Margaret Blair |
| 22 Samuel Kincaid | 22 C. Nesselroad |
| 23 Betsey | 24 Peter Black |
| 24 John McElroy | 25 Charlotte Boyd |
| 25 Mary Ann Watt | |

Note that Louise lacks only the name of her 2nd great-grandmother Black and the surname of her 2nd great-grandmother Kincaid. Can you top that?

Below are the names from the charts of Mr. & Mrs. Dale Letz of 916 South 7th St., Winterset, Iowa 50273

- Ethel Cumings
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| 1 Ethel Cumings | 22 John Thomas Holmes |
| 2 Rolla H. Cumings | 23 Nancy Macahan |
| 3 Alice E. Strable | 26 John Marks |
| 4 David H. Cumings | 28 Joseph Slayden |
| 5 Nancy Jane McKee | 29 Elizabeth Slayden |
| 6 Frank A. Strable | 30 George Smith |
| 7 Sarah E. Slayden | 31 Deliah Zornies |
| 8 Ebenezer Cumings | |
| 9 Matilda Young | 1 Richard Dale Letz |
| 10 John McKee | 2 Richard E. Letz |
| 11 Margaret Holmes | 3 Marguerite McIntyre |
| 12 Sylvester Strable | 4 Henry T. Letz |
| 13 Lucinda Marks | 5 Emily Janey Cooper |
| 14 Benjamin Slayden | 6 Charles McIntyre |
| 15 Deliah Smith | 7 Margaret Henretty |
| 16 John H. Cumings | 8 Michel/Michael Letz |
| 17 Mary Hubbard | 9 Elinora Loup |
| 20 John McKee | 10 Edward Cooper |
| 21 Margaret Reed | 11 Jane |

CONCLUSION of the Diary of Michael Friedrich Radke:

To my horror and astonishment I learned in Baltimore from the newspaper, that all over Germany the Revolution had broken out, in Berlin such terrible things happened on the 18th and 19th of March 1848 that many thousands of people lost their lives, I said God be thanked that I am not there.

On the 2nd of May, early in the morning, I and several people from Baltimore went by the train to Columbia (Pennsylvania), there we went into a big canal boat which was pulled by horses. During this trip from Baltimore to Columbia we saw many settlements, high rocky mountains with marble chalk and rocks and different kinds of woods, and all the trees and bushes were in most beautiful blossom.

May 3rd. Our trip went on, on the canal boat, on both sides of the canal we saw rocky mountains which strove up to the skies, they were all overgrown with trees and bushes and there were several settlements.

May 7th, we arrived in Harrisburg. May 8th, we got in front of Harrisburg and our boat was taken on to a train where we had to travel over 5 high mountain ranges, sometimes also underneath them, through them, it was very hot during this time of day, at night it was cold and rainy usually we had thunderstorms, when we went through the rocky mountains we went through tunnels of approximately 5 to 6 thousand feet and we didn't see any daylight.

May 10th, we came to Schanston and again into a canal. During the night we didn't move. May 11th, from Schanston on to the canal, on both sides high rocky mountains, all kinds of squirrels, different pretty birds and rainy weather. May 12th, our canal again led through a high mountain approximately 5 to 6 thousand feet of tunnel, and again we saw no daylight, after that a stream went under our canal approximately 50 to 60 feet lower than we, the water of this river was navigable for steamships. It was rainy weather.

May 13, in the morning there was a strong frost, during the day the sky was clear, on both sides we had rocky mountains, salt factories, and far distant from each other several settlements. Towards noon we came to Friburg where during the night the canal bridge had burned down and we had to wait there until the 17th of May. It was very hot during the day and during the night it was cold and frosty. May 17th, we left our canal boat and went into a steamship which was also called Stimmboth (he spells that the way he hears it) where the same afternoon 4 o'clock we arrive in Pittsburgh. I rented immediately an apartment, and bought the necessary furniture, and I didn't have any work until the 3rd day of July, there I got work at the Schoeneberg Steelmill where I earned \$4.50 per week, but it was heavy hard work, work as I had never done before, every month I had to pay \$4.50 rent. In the Schoeneberg Steelmill I worked until the 15th of November 1849 but with my daily work and earnings I was unable to save anything because both rent and food cost too much.

On the 8th of May 1849, to our joy a son was born to us who in holy baptism received the name August, Ludwig, Franz.

And since I couldn't make any progress in Pittsburgh, I decided to choose something else and that is farming, so on the 15th of November, 1849 I traveled from Pittsburgh 930 miles to the state of Indiana near Jasper, Dubois County, there I rented land and there I lived all better and made better progress.

Here in the state of Indiana a daughter was born to us on the 13th of January 1851, who received in holy baptism the names Maria, Elizabeth.

After a short time my dear wife and children became ill, that is they suffered from red dissentary and I thought they would all depart from me but with God's help they became healthy again except for our youngest son August, born in Pittsburgh, him our dear Lord took back to him into His eternal realm of joy on June 10, 1851. His lifetime was 2 years, 1 month and 2 days.

This for us has left behind a great sorrow and pain but let us all sing that which God has done is done well. His will be done as He does things I will hold still. He is my God when all my need knows how to keep me, therefore I let His will be done.

CHANGE IN DATES: We have had to change the dates for our annual school of instruction to October 4th and 7th. One thing which has not been changed is our need for volunteers! Please call Molly if you can help.

IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY REGIONAL MEETING: This will be at Greenfield on October 2nd, from 9:30 to 3:30. Howard Snedden will speak on "Where There's a Will, There's a Way". Brown bag lunch. Let Molly know if you can furnish a car, or if you need a ride.

LIBRARY ADDITION: We now have a wonderful help for those who have an interest in Marion County. Their society has published, under one cover, several of the Marion County atlases, dating from 1875 to 1946. This has much information besides the names of landowners.

RELATIONSHIPS

The child of your parent's brother or sister is your first cousin. However, your first cousin's child is NOT your second cousin, but your first cousin ONCE REMOVED.

The child of your first cousin once removed is your first cousin TWICE REMOVED, and HIS child is your first cousin THREE TIMES REMOVED.

Your second cousin is your grandparent's brother's (or sister's) grandchild. That second cousin's child is your second cousin ONCE REMOVED. His child is your second cousin TWICE REMOVED, and so on.

And your third cousin? It's your great-grandparent's brother's (or sister's) great grandchild. The third cousin's child is your third cousin once removed, his child is your third cousin twice removed.

The grandchild of your brother or sister is your grandnephew or grandniece.

The sister or brother of your grandparent is your great-aunt or great-uncle.

The sister or brother of your great-grandparent is your great-grand-aunt or great-grand-uncle.

WHEW!! Isn't this grand? Or is it great?

Do you have an item that might be of interest to your fellow genealogists, please submit it to the editor. Sharing is what we are here for, you know.

"So convenient a thing it is to be a reasonable creature, since it enables one to find or make a reason for everything one has a mind to do."

Benjamin Franklin

(May I add to that this little phrase, "or has a mind not to do".)

ANCESTOR CHARTS

In the September issue, ancestor charts were published for Louise Pilmer and her late husband and for Mr. and Mrs. Dale Letz. Continued this month are charts for Sheryl and Richard Ledlie, 3005 S.E. 72nd Ave., Rt. 2, Des Moines, Iowa 50230

1. Sheryl Diane Lewin Ledlie
2. Floyd Wayne Lewin
3. Evelyn Elaine Howard
4. Joseph Eldon Lewin
5. Myrtle Irene Wells
6. LaVerne Ryan Howard
7. Mona Marie Eddy
8. Joseph Dudley Lewin
9. Alice Phillips
10. John Elbert Wells
11. Martha Elizabeth King
12. William Harlan Howard
13. Olive Mae Ryan
14. Cleveland Eddy
15. Ida Jane Speak
16. John Almer Lewin Jr.
17. Lucretia Blake
18. John Phillips
19. Lyda Rickett
20. Jesse Elvis Wells
21. Nancy Elizabeth Spence
22. Jonathan Henry King
23. Matilda Catherine Thomas
24. Asa Howard Jr.
25. Hannah Jane Hill
26. Lawrence H. Ryan
27. Margretta Stakes
28. Samuel Eddy
29. Elizabeth Gradwell
30. Alfred Tobin Speak
31. Lavina Frances Forbes
32. John Almer Lewin Sr.
33. Salome Clutter
34. Nehemiah Blake
35. Samuel A. Wells
36. Margaret Pirtle
37. Asa Howard Sr.
38. Mary Graves
39. William Eddy
40. Catherine _____
41. Mott Gradwell
42. John G. Speak
43. Nancy Dee Landrum
44. William R. Forbes
45. Louisa J. Neagle
46. Samuel Lewin
47. Mabel Timartha Hunt
48. Jesse Wells
49. Benjamin Speak
50. Mary Neff
51. John Reuken Landrum
52. Nancy Dingle
53. David Forbes Jr.
54. Martha Richardson
55. Miles Neagle
56. Lavina _____
57. Joseph Wells

1. Richard Lyle Ledlie
2. James Ralph Ledlie
3. Ethelda Virginia Beymer
4. James Douglas Ledlie
5. Lydia Belle Sheriff
6. Jay Virgil Beymer
7. Kathryn Ethel Price
8. Thomas Ledlie
9. Mary Frances Lindsay
10. Alexander Sheriff
11. Janet Grieve Hastie
12. William Judson Beymer
13. Ethelda McClelland
14. Vinton Kossuth Price
15. Ella Tabitha Harvey
16. William Ledlie
17. Annabel Lockhart
18. Robert Lindsay
19. Agnes Miller
20. James Sheriff
21. Mary Elizabeth Hayes
22. William Hastie
23. Elizabeth Purvis
24. Alvin Beymer
25. Martha Bryan
26. Abraham Price
27. Hulda Cheshire
28. Solomon Harvey Jr.
29. Viola Jane Morten
30. John Ledlie
31. George Washington Beymer
32. Belinda Ford
33. Solomon Harvey Sr.
34. Mary Polly Stearns
35. Henry Morten Jr.
36. Catherine Armstrong
37. George Beymer
38. Christiana McIntyre
39. Amos Harvey
40. Capt. John Stearns
41. Lucy Merrill
42. Conrad Beymer
43. Julianna _____

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58. George Speak
 59. Elizabeth Williams
 60. Thomas Landrum
 61. Dorothy Alcock
 62. Edward Dingle
 63. Frances Sallee
 64. David Forbes Sr.
 65. Margaret Sellars
 66. John Richardson
 67. Hannah Hurley
 68. Hezekiah Speak
 69. Theodosia Gardner

Have you submitted your ancestor chart? Now is a good time to get it completed and filed in the W.C.G.S. library. We are working on a new surname index for all members. One of our members may be working on your surname and have just the piece of information you need, but no one will know unless you get your names submitted. We would like to have the surnames from our out of town and state members also. Just put your name and address on a piece of paper, then list the surnames you are researching and send it to Molly Bowlin Route 2, Indianola, Iowa 50125 Thank You!

Mary Smart spent some time this past week and submitted ancestor charts for her husband Marvin and herself.

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| 1. Mary Lucile Simmerman Smart | 1. Marvin LaRoy Smart |
| 2. Walter Miller Simmerman | 2. Clarence Otto Smart |
| 3. Lucile Miller | 3. Grace Harriet Simmons |
| 4. Miller Simmerman | 4. Johannon Smart |
| 5. Mary Alice Knowles | 5. Mary Ellen Cecil |
| 6. Ambrose Rutherford Miller | 6. Thomas Logan Simmons |
| 7. Alwina Elizabeth Polster | 7. Mary Magdalene Cummings |
| 8. Francis Simmerman | 8. James Smart |
| 9. Eleanor (Ellen) Miller | 9. Tabitha Carter |
| 10. John Knowles | 10. William Cecil |
| 11. Maria George | 11. Lydia Jane Thornburg |
| 12. William Trescott Miller | 12. David Simmons |
| 13. Harriet Miller | 13. Sarah Jane Haney |
| 14. John George Polster | 14. Alexander Cummings |
| 15. Christina Maria Boehmer | 15. Harriet S. Corwin |
| 16. Jacob Simmerman | 16. Thomas Smart |
| 17. Barbary _____ | 17. Ruth Huddleston |
| 18. David Miller | 22. Joseph Thornburg |
| 19. Jane _____ | 23. Matilda Higgins |
| 20. Samuel F. Knowles | 24. Jacob Simmons |
| 21. Margaret _____ | 44. Isaac Thornburg |
| 22. Weston George | 45. Rebecca Hodgson |
| 23. Sarah Perviance (Purviance) | 48. Philip Simmens |
| 24. William T. Miller | 88. Joseph Thornburg |
| 25. Abigail _____ | 89. Nancy Ann Armfield |
| 26. Stephen William Miller | 90. Joseph Hodgson |
| 27. Lydia Lamb | 91. Margaret Williams |
| 28. John Polster | 176. Edward Thornburgh |
| 29. Elizabeth Polster | 177. Jean Morgan |
| 30. Heinrich Gerhardt Boehmer | |
| 31. Elizabeth Maria Grebe (Grabe) | |
| 48. George William Miller | |
| 49. Miriam Trescott | |
| 52. George William Miller | |
| 53. Miriam Trescott | |
| 54. Joseph Lamb | |
| 55. Doreas Macy | |

 INTERESTED IN INDIANA? Thelma Pehrson is a member of the Indiana Historical Society and has quite a bit of information on that state. Check with her if interested. Her phone number is 961-4409.

IGS now has the complete 1856 Spec.Ia. Cen.

STONES FROM HICKORY GROVE CEMETERY have been moved to a plot in Ackworth cemetery recently. Hickory Grove was the site of a Quaker settlement as early as 1866. The stones had been stacked against a tree near the site of the old cemetery which was located in Section 3 of White Breast twp, north and east of Lacona.

Our group was saddened by the recent death of W.C.G.S. member Helen Cummings.

NEW MEMBERS TO ADD TO YOUR YEARBOOK: Enola Disbrow, 810 West Salem, Indianola, Iowa Phone 961-4103 Patricia Swaim, Route 2, Indianola, Iowa Phone 961-8036 Dorothy L. Taylor, 161 McCarrons, St. Paul, MN 55113

ABSTRACT OF DEED

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County

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Surname

File:.....

No.

KIND OF INDENTURE (Contract):.....
(other than Deed of sale of property)

COUNTY AND STATE Where recorded:.....

NAME OF GRANTOR: (Seller).....

OF.....County, in the State of

NAME OF GRANTEE: (Buyer).....

OF, County, in the State of

BOOK NO.Page No.Date of Deed:.....

Date recorded:.....

County and State where deed was made
(If other than above named)

Amount of Acres, etc,Selling price.....

Property Description:

Location and Boundries:

Original or Previous Owner:

Any other pertinent facts:

Names of Witnesses:

Signature(s):

Recorded by:Office.....

ABSTRACT OF WILL OR PROBATE RECORD

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County Surname
Book.....Page.....

WILL or ADMINISTRATION of

Place where will was written.....
County State

Place where will was recorded.....
County State

Date written.....Date entered into probate.....

Dates of Codicil(s).....

Name of Executor(s)/Administrators(s).....

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Date of Death.....Place of Death.....

Names of witnesses to will.....

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Names of appraisers of estate.....

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Bondsmen.....Bond.....

Date of division and dispersement or final return.....

Description of land (or other property).....

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Names of Heirs and others mentioned in will; relationship; division of estate:

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Reference to other files or Book and Page No. (orphans, minors, inventories, deeds, mortgages, petitions, etc.)

Attach separate sheet listing other information such as purchasers at sale of estate, place of burial or cemetery information, other places named, other persons names, etc.