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OCTOBER 1983 NEWSLETTER

MEETINGS: Monthly, third Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Trinity Presbyterian Church. NEXT MEETING: November 21, 1983. The program will be "How to Research Ancestors before 1790" by Barbara Rasko.

ANNUAL WORKSHOP: This years workshop will be held Nov. 7 & 10. This will be at the Trinity Presbyterian Church at 7:00 p.m.

WCCS Members Molly Bowlin, Ruth Hall, Barbara Rasko, and Maude Wilkins Worked out at the IGS Library on Sept. 29. The NEXT IGS Workday will be Nov. 29. Please sign up to work if you can.

IGS ANNUAL MEETING: November 4 & 5 in Ames, IA. at the Schamen Continuing Education Building. The schedule is as follows:

- Friday November 4, 1983 Registration at 8 a.m.
- 9-10a.m. Research in Kentucky by Edna Milliken
- 10:15-11:15 Kentucky research cont'd.
- 11:15- 1:45 Lunch Break with workshops going on
- 1:45- 2:45 Newspaper Research by Anita Cheek Milner
- 3:00- 5p.m. Newspaper Research cont'd.
- 5:30 -7:15 Banquet
- 7:30- 9p.m. Newspaper Bibliography by Dr. Peter Curtis and Nancy Kraft

- Saturday November 5, 1983 Registration at 8 a.m.
- 9 - 10 a.m. Kentucky Research by Edna Milliken
- 10:15-11:15 Kentucky Research cont'd.
- 11:15- 1:45 Lunch Break with workshops going on
- 1:45- 2:30 Annual Business Meeting
- 2:45- 5p.m. Orphan Trains by Anita Cheek Milner

Lectures only - \$8 per day
 Friday Lectures & Banquet - \$17
 Friday & Saturday Lectures & Banquet - \$25
 Repristration must be sent in by October 25, 1983
 A Buffet Luncheon will be available at \$4.25 payable in Buffet Line.
 Make Checks payable to IGS Conference and mail to:
 Irene Crippen 2002 Melrose Ave. Ames, Iowa 50010

Restrictions have been lifted on access to name indexes to passenger arrivals and lists of passenger and crew inthe custody of the National Archives. The records cover 1883 - 1954. For a copy of the catalog write to: Publications Sales Branch (NEPS), National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C. 20408.

The Polish Genealogical Society, 984 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60622, publishes an excellent newsletter on Polish research. They also have a surname file. To request a search of the Index, send a self-addressed stamped envelope (limit 5 surnames per request). Anyone can add their ancestors to the Index File.

Detailed maps of Poland are available. Series M501 consists of 22 detailed maps of Poland - order for \$1.50 each from Dept. of Defense Map Release Officer, Defense Mapping Agency, Washington, D.C. 20000. Both of the above Polish leads are from the Eastern Nebraska Gen. Society.

Perhaps you would like to know the day of the week for some of the many dates in your genealogical records. Use the following formula to find the day of the week of any date after September 14, 1752.

Example: What day of the week was January 10, 1946.....

1. Take the last two digits of the year 46
2. Add a quarter of this number
(neglecting any remainder) 11
3. Add the date in the month 10
4. Add according to the month:

Jan. 1 (or in leap year 0)	1	
Feb. 4 (or in leap year 3)		
Mar. 4	July 0	Nov 4
Apr. 0	Aug 3	Dec 6
May 2	Sept 6	
June 5	Oct 1	
5. Add for the 18th century 4
 Add for the 19th century 2
 Add for the 20th century 0
 Add for the 21st century 6
6. Divide the total by 7 and the remainder gives the day of the week as follows:

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| 1-Sunday | |
| 2-Monday | 5-Thursday |
| 3-Tuesday | 6-Friday |
| 4-Wednesday | 7-Saturday |

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January 10, 1946 was a Thursday

Asobering thought--Did you know in the terrible Vicil War casualties exceeded this nation's loss in all other wars, from the Revolution through Viet Nam.

Kinds of Records Found in a Will Book

- Appraisement: Itemized list of the estate.
- Account: Report of the executor.
- Estate: Notice of probate and inventory.
- Sale Bill: List of items purchased, name of purchaser and price paid for each item.
- Inventory: Itemized list of the estate.
- Division: The division of the estate among the heirs.
- Will: Record will of the deceased.
- Guardian: Account of the estate in behalf of the infants of the deceased.
- Dower: Portion of the estate allotted to the widow.
- Settlement: Final distribution of the estate of deceased.

Davis County Genealogical Society, 206 West Goode St., Bloomfield, Iowa 52537 has a book for sale. A PIONEER HISTORY OF DAVIS COUNTY, by Dillon H. Payne and compiled and published by the Federated Women's Clubs of the County 1924-1927, and reprinted by the Davis Co. Gen. Society, price \$15.00 plus \$1.25 for postage and handling, if mailed.

also via Davis County, to go along with WCGS member Louise Pilmer's "Railroads and Depots of Warren County, Iowa", the U.S.A. Railroad Retirement Board, 844 Rush Street, Chicago, IL 60611 has pension records and will answer queries providing sufficient identifying information is given. Don't forget the SASE.

RICHLAND Township, which is bounded on the north by the Des Moines River, and on the east by Marion County, is now indexed as the names of the landowners appear in the 1872 Atlas.

Allen, B.F., 6
Anderson, C.L., 10, 15
Anderson, T.J., 13
Badgley, C., 29
Bartholomew, G.M., 32
Bartholomew, G.W., 25
Bates, P., 7
Beck, M., 30
Black, S., 19, 21, 28, 32
Bringham, A., 7
Broadfield, J.R., 31
*Brown, W.E., 14
Brown, W.F., 14, 23
Bruce, _____, 26
Bruce, M., 31
Bullard, E., 34
Buxton & Co., 30
Cain, S.R., 20
Canaday, D., 7
Carrens, J., 33
Chapman, J.B., 14, 23
Clark, D.B., 5, 6
Clark, H., 19
Clark, J.T., 10, 15
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Cook, Z., 4, 5, 7, 9
Cox, J., 25
Cozat, E., 16, 21
Cozat, N., 30
Craig, D., 30
Creighton, L.P., 21, 28
Dashiell, M.A., 16, 21
Dixon, A., 7
Dotson, V., 27, 34
Douglass, D., 35
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Draper, J., 18
Duncan, A.J., 21
Enoch, C., 27
Farley, T., 32
Fendery, T. 26
Figgins, T., 14, 22
Finch, R., 17
Freel, J., 15
Garner, J., 19
Gildow, D., 7
Goble, H., 35, 36
Goolesbury, A.J., 7
Graves, E.C., 26, 35
Gregg, A., 16
Gregg, W., 19, 30
Guthrie, N., 22, 26, 27
Gwinn, S.M., 11, 16
Hall, A., 19
Hall, D., 30
*Brookhart, J.R., 31
Hall, W., 30
Hammer, J., 36
Harden, E., 36
Harman, E., 7
Hart, J., 30
Hart, J.P., 30
Haworth, Geo., 17
Higby, H., 32, 33
Higgins, J., 35
Hodges, J., 35
Holgate, J., 25
Hollingsworth, P., 19
Hotchkiss, A., 7
Hull, F., 21
Hull, J., 21, 26, 28
Igo, L., 31
Igo, S., 27, 34
Jackson, J., 33
James, H.R., 19, 30
James, S., 16
James, S.R., 30
Jenning, J., 6
Jewry, E., 30
Johnson, E., 24
Joice, J., 18, 19
Jones, _____, 16
Kerr, _____, 35
Kerr, L., 31
Kerr, L.H., 29
Kling, G., 20
Kitchell, _____, 26
Kitchell, E., 31
Lacy, J.T., 12
Lemon, J., 31
Lemon, T., 32
Lemon, T.J., 26
Lenin, J., 35
Lewin, J., Est. 33, 34
Lindemood, W., 33
Lingenfelter, G.W., 31
Lukinbill, H., 36
Lutz, A., 10
Lyon, J., 36
Lyon, J.L., 36
March, C., 36
Marshall, W., 30, 31
Mason, W., 7, 18
Mathews, T.D., 30
Maxwell, D., 31
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McCoy, E., 23, 24
McDole, D., 10, 11
McIntire, J.F., 15
McIntyre, J.D., 14
McIntyre, L.C., 15
Mill, S., 13

Mill, S.S., 11
 Monroe, L., 35
 Moore, S., 15
 Murphin & Art, 14
 Murphine, J.E., 23, 24
 Murray, E.D., 13
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 Myers, S.E., 24
 Myrick, E., 20, 29
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 Nichols, J., 26, 30
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 Ray, L., 20
 Reed, A., 5
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 Rees, M., 18
 Rees, W., 17
 Reeves, L., 35
 Rhine, J., 14, 15
 Ricketts, M., 36
 Roberts, A., 20
 Roberts, B.F., 8
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 Rose, E., 11
 Sever, A., 20, 29
 Sexton, J.A., 18
 Shauk, C., 21
 Shauk, G., 24
 Shepard, J., 11
 Shepherd, M., 19
 Sheppard Estate, 18
 Sheppard, J.E., 18
 Sheppard, M., 18
 Sherman, D., 19
 Sherman, W.S., 16
 Shetterly, B.F., 18
 Shetterly, J.H., 21
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 Shook, J., 25
 Shook, J.A., 13, 24
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 Smith, J., 9, 16, 25, 33
 Smith, J.E., 7
 Smith, W., 14
 Snelson, L., 35
 Spain, W., 16, 21
 Spires, E., 24
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 Stubbs, J., 12, 13
 Studer, A.G., 8
 Swallow, A.L., 14
 Switzer, S., 32, 33
 Talbot, J., 17, 20
 Talboys, M., 30
 Taylor, D., 20
 Taylor, B.J., 9, 10
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 Thomas, A., 15
 Thornburg, R., 24
 Thornburg, W.E., 25
 Tidball, W.B., 15
 Viers, A., 24
 Viers, D., 12, 13, 24
 Viers, E., 24
 Watts, W., 7
 Whetzell, J., 35
 Willey, G.W., 20, 28
 Williams, H., 33, 34
 Wilson, J., 17
 Wilson, W.G., 9
 Woodward & Meek, 11, 12
 Wright, A., 7
 Young, D.F., 20
 Young, S., 20
 Town of Hartford, 21
 Town of Palmyra, 30, 31
 Cemeterics, 21, 28, 30
 Ferry, 12
 Saw Mill, 24
 Schools, 7, 11, 15, 20, 22, 28, 33
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In New England, where breakfast included steaks, chops, ham and eggs, hashed-brown potatoes, buckwheat cakes and pie, our ancestors were probably heavy. This list of weights of Revolutionary War Generals was found in the pocketbook of an officer of the Massachusetts line.

Weighed at the Scales of West Point		August 19, 1783
General Washington	209 lbs	(Not from New England)
General Knox	280	
General Lincoln	224	
General Huntington	132	
General Greaton	166	
Colonel Swift	219	
Colonel Michael Jackson	252	
Colonel Henry Jackson	238	
Lt.-Colonel Ebenezer Huntington	232	
Lt.-Colonel D. Cobb	186	
Lt.-Colonel D. Humphreys	221	

Did your New England ancestors take part in bundling? This old New England custom permitted a young courting couple to spend the night together in the same bed, often fully clad, and wrapped in blankets. The custom came about because habitations were widely spaced and the young man might have to walk from six to a dozen miles to reach the girl's house. His only time for courting was from sundown on Saturday to sundown Sunday. Families were large, houses small, and all beds were occupied. A young couple could have sat up all night, but this would have necessitated the expenditure of light and fuel. So instead of turning the young man out in the cold, they were buddled into her bed. This was a custom of the poorer, rural areas. Concerned parents would place a dividing board between the couple, attach sleigh bells to the bed, or swath the girl as a mummy. Of course, there was a large number of babies born in less than the orthodox period after marriage.

In 1860 the last survivor of the Battle of Bunker Hill (June 17, 1775) was living in Acton, Maine. He was Ralph Farnham, and was 104 years. John Gilley, West Augusta, Maine, who died in 1842, was New England's oldest man at the age of 124. He married when he was 80 and had 10 children. It is said that shortly before he died, his hair, which had been a pure silvery white, turned black. Ephraim Pratt of Shutesbury, Massachusetts was born at Sudbury in 1687 and died at the age of 116. He was the grandson of Joshua Pratt, one of the first planters at Plymouth.

Age of Pilgrims

Time of Decease		Age
1664	William Brewster	80
1664	Julia Kempton (widow of Manasses)	81
1675	Ann Tupper	97
1675	Dorothy Brown	90
1676	Thomas Tupper	97
1683	Mary Carpenter	90
1697	Thomas Clark (mate of the "Mayflower")	98
1704	George Bonham	95
1670	Alice Bradford (widow of the Governor)	80
1710	Phebe Finney (widow of the Deacon)	91

First Settlers who lived a long time

In Massachusetts: Ezekiel Chever 94; Simon Bradstreet 94; Rev. John Elliot 86; Rhode Island: Roger Williams 84.

This information comes from an interesting book, It's an Old New England Custom by Edwin Valentine Mitchell, pub. 1946.